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BRITAIN LOYAL TO TREATY PLEDGES

PREPARED TO FIGHT WHERE SHE IS BOUND BY COMMITMENTS

But Giving No New Guarantees, Says Prime Minister in Strong Speech

London, Mar. 24.

Loud ministerial cheers greeted the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, when he made his declaration of the British Government's attitude to foreign events to-night. It was an attitude rather than a policy, the Premier explained, that he was dealing with, because nobody imagined any events could change the fundamental basis of British policy, which was the maintenance and preservation of peace and the establishment of a sense of confidence.

Peace was the greatest interest of the British Empire, "but that does not mean nothing will make us fight," he said amid cheers. "We are bound by treaty obligations which entail the necessity of fighting if occasion arises."

He hoped nobody doubted that they would be prepared in such an event to fulfil those obligations (cheers).

Then there were certain vital British interests for which they would fight if they were menaced—the defence of British territories and communications which were vital to their national interests.

"There are other occasions, too, under which we might fight if it was a choice of fighting or abandoning hope of averting destruction. Those are the things which hold dearest. Nevertheless, our object must be to preserve the things we consider essential without war if that is possible, because we know in war, there are no winners. (Cheers). There is nothing but suffering and ruin for those involved, and, even if we are not directly involved, with our world-wide trade ramifications, we are involved in the consequences which must sooner or later react on ourselves."

Believes in League

The Premier confessed his original belief in the effectiveness of the League had been profoundly shaken, but said the League shall be strengthened so as to serve as an effective instrument to preserve peace. He appealed to the Labour Party to co-operate and help the League back to health. It was not necessary for collective security to ensure the co-operation of all the 58 members of the League, so long as they could get the co-operation of a sufficient number to present an overwhelming power to the potential aggressor, but the value of such an alliance must obviously depend upon its military efficiency.

"If Britain is to make a substantial contribution towards the establishment of our greatest interests, she must be strongly armed for defence and counter-offence."

Czecho-Slovakian Problem

"One of the questions necessarily present in many minds concerns the relations between Czecho-Slovakia and the German minority there. A solution of the question will probably be found in the co-operation of the two peoples in an area much wider than that immediately concerned, and accordingly the Government has given special attention to the matter, and has fully considered whether the United Kingdom, in addition to the obligations which it has undertaken towards peace, should undertake new specific commitments in Europe, particularly relating to Czecho-Slovakia."

"We should we forthwith assure that in the event of her being called upon by Germany to undertake new specific commitments to Czecho-Slovakia, we would employ full military force on her behalf? Or, should we declare our readiness to take military action to resist any forcible interference with the independence and integrity of Czecho-Slovakia, and invite any other of the nations who desire to associate themselves with us in such a declaration?"

EMERGENCY AIR FORCE PROPOSED

London, Mar. 24.
An emergency reserve of 42,000 R.A.F. ex-service officers is planned by the Air Council.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

"Under either alternative, the decision whether Britain would find itself involved in war would automatically be removed from the discretion of the British Government, and this is a position which the Government cannot see its way to accept. (Loud Ministerial Cheers). This position is not one which the Government could see its way to accept in relation to an area where its vital interests are not concerned in the same degree as in the case of France and Belgium. Such a position does not result from the Covenant. Hence the Government is unable to give the prior guarantee suggested."

"Where peace and war are concerned, loyal obligations are not alone involved. It is probable that other countries beside the parties to the Covenant are concerned."

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DECLARES RUSSIA ANXIOUS

Sun Fo Speaks On Far East Dangers

London, Mar. 24.

Mr. Sun Fo, Chinese political leader and son of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, who is touring Europe, arrived in London by air from Paris to-day, and in an interview said, referring to his recent visit to Moscow, that Russia regarded the war in the Far East with great anxiety, but at present there seemed to be no prospect of her intervening owing to the dangers and complications in Europe, which might start a world war.

Mr. Sun Fo had a long conversation with M. Josef Stalin, Russian Dictator, who struck him as an extremely practical man, who knew exactly what he wanted.

As far as Mr. Sun Fo was able to judge, the Russian people appeared absolutely to support their Government, and the recent purge had not shaken the stability of the State.

Mr. Sun Fo frequently saw M. Litvinov, the Russian Foreign Minister, who informed him that he was sure Herr Adolf Hitler meant to seize Austria. Immediately Mr. Sun Fo left Moscow for Vienna, and he only left Vienna a day before the seizure of Austria.

READY FOR LONG WAR

He expressed the opinion that the war in China would last at least another year, possibly much longer. The Chinese armies were far better organised and equipped than at the beginning, and it was now clear that Japan was having no easy time. Japan was obliged to keep two-thirds of her resources in reserve against the possibility of a quarrel with a third Power, hence she could only use one-third against China, and she had to draw heavily on that.

Mr. Sun Fo said he had no doubt about the stability of Chinese currency. Chinese reserves abroad were intact, and China was able to finance the purchase of arms abroad without injury to her currency reserve.

SPOILED JAPAN'S HOPES

Chinese restrictions of currency spoiled Japan's hopes of buying the foreign exchange to finance the new Bank of Peking with notes of the Central Bank of China, of which (Continued on Page 12.)

Britain Won't Accept Restrictions

LOVELIEST QUEEN?



This is the first picture of Queen Farida of Egypt in her wedding gown. The gown is of rose peach brocade in lotus foliage design, embroidered with waterdrop pearls. Its 24-foot lame train is spangled with jewels and trimmed with blue velvet and ermine. For decoration a quarter moon of gold bears a verse from the Koran. She is said to be the loveliest Queen alive.

HULL TRIES TO RESCUE REFUGEES

Asks Doors To Open
To People From
Germany, Austria

Washington, Mar. 24.

Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, has proposed the establishment of an international committee to get political refugees out of Germany and Austria. The suggestion is made in telegrams despatched from the State Department to nine European governments, including the British Government and every country in Latin America.

Under Mr. Hull's plan, the cost of transporting the refugees would be borne by private organizations in every country which agreed to receive them.

An official communique says the United States Government is taking this action owing to the "necessity for speedy and co-operative effort under Government supervision, if widespread human suffering is to be averted."

The European countries to which telegrams were sent are Britain,

HOPE TO STEM INSURGENTS' ADVANCE

But Thousands Pour
Across Ebro

Barcelona, Mar. 24.

All available men in the Republican zone of the Aragon front are at present erecting defences in an attempt to stem General Franco's advance.

Meanwhile the Insurgents continue to advance on the edges of the Republican territory.

Thousands of Insurgents crossed the Ebro River in the vicinity of Huesca before they were discovered. A fierce battle ensued, after which the Republicans were found to have suffered a slight reverse.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

WHOLE LOYALIST ARMY THREATENED

Hendaye, Mar. 24.
The Insurgents have threatened to encircle the whole of the Loyalist army in upper Aragon, where Insurgent cavalry have severed the road to Lerida, the key to Catalonia.—*United Press.*

France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Switzerland and Italy. No country will be asked to receive more refugees than permitted by the present laws.—*Reuter.*

STOP PRESS NEWS

NEW LITHUANIAN CABINET

Kovno, Mar. 24.

President of Lithuania has accepted the resignation of the Cabinet, and a new provisional Cabinet has been formed under Father Mironas, Chaplain to the Army.

No change has occurred in the existing régime, and all Ministers are members of the Government party thus avoiding any coalition.—*Reuter.*

ATTACKED AND ROBBED

Norman Ali, clerk, reports to the police that at 10.30 p.m. yesterday, when he was mounting the stairs to his home in Thomson Road, he was attacked by four men and \$1,000 was taken from his person.

(Further Stop Press News on Page 12.)

TOKYO RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE TO SHIPPING IN CHINA

New Tariffs and Customs Discussed in Commons

London, Mar. 24.

In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said his attention had been drawn to a press report of an announcement issued jointly by the Japanese diplomatic, military and Naval authorities in Shanghai, that no ships could ply in Chinese internal waterways in the Japanese controlled areas, without special permits, failing which ships and their cargoes would be subject to seizure.

He added that the Government had received no official confirmation.

The Government would not recognise any such order, and would, if necessary, inform the Japanese Government, that Britain would hold it responsible for damage to British interests resulting from such an order.

FAVOURS JAPAN

MIGHTIER BRITISH WARSHIPS PROBABLE

Escalator Clause
Likely To Be
Invoked

London, Mar. 24.

There is reason to believe that Britain, like the United States, has decided to invoke the escalator clause of the London Naval Treaty in the face of Japan's refusal to furnish details of her naval building programme.

The treaty requires that a period of three months shall elapse after the escalator clause has been invoked before the new tonnage is laid down, and the actual size of the new British and American battleships probably will not be settled until this period for consultation opens.

France at present is not anxious to embark on heavier battleships tonnage, but her final attitude is likely to depend on Germany and Russia.

The Soviet attitude is most important, writes Reuter's diplomatic correspondent, because should Moscow decide to increase the size of battleships for use in Far Eastern waters, Germany might feel bound to build up to them, thereby involving an increase in French tonnage.—*Reuter.*

Mr. Butler replied to a question put by Major H. A. Proctor (Cons.) and said the revised North China tariff appeared to tend to favour Japanese trade, but apart from the general complaint from trade organisations as to the prejudice caused to British trade in North China by the present conditions, no specific instances of hardship resulting from the tariff had been brought to his notice.

The Japanese Government's reply to the protest addressed to it had now been received. The Japanese Government disclaimed responsibility for revision of the customs rate enacted by the Peiping Provincial Government, and contended that the reduction of duties on a few commodities needed for rehabilitation or relief, was unavoidable.

The reply also stated that there had been no discrimination against third powers, and the revision had the effect of doing away with special trade in East Hoppel. This reply, said Mr. Butler, was under consideration.

NO IMPROVEMENT

Mr. I. C. Hannah (Cons.) asked for the result of the representations to Japan respecting the collection of customs duties in Shanghai.

Mr. Butler replied that the Japanese Government had promised early consideration of the representations. He regretted that he had no report of an improvement in the situation, and His Majesty's Ambassador to Tokyo, Sir Robert Craigie, was continuing to press the matter.—*Reuter.*

Second Appeal To Trade Union Workers

Government Seeks
Solid Support

London, Mar. 24.

The Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence, Sir Thomas Inskip, conferred this afternoon with engineering Trade Union leaders, when he conveyed to them the Government's views similar to those given to the Trade Unions Congress deputation yesterday.

The Union promised to consider the statement at the earliest possible opportunity.

Leaders of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, which is overwhelmingly the most powerful engineering body, were absent from the meeting, owing to other engagements.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

Tokyo, Mar. 25.
The House of Peers, unanimously, and without amendment, passed the National Mobilisation Bill, while the Lower House adopted the North China Development Bill, and the Central China Promotion Company Bill.

At an extraordinary session of the Diet, the Foreign Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota, reported on the Central China regime, which would shortly be brought into existence.

Mr. Hirota expressed the hope that the Government would take appropriate steps concerning this, on the understanding that the Central China administration would eventually be absorbed by the existing North China regime.—*Reuter.*

Stripes are highspot for SPORTS SUITS



ROBB AND LUCY MILNER, in Paris to report the new spring dress shows, give you to-day another highspot of the new designs. But one show does not make a fashion. To pretend to give you, before all the shows have been compared, a practical guide to what you will wear this spring would be misleading. Their summing-up, when the last show is over, will begin shortly.

Here is Lucy Milner's second bulletin.—Stripes seem to be taking front place for sports suits this spring, but more often than not they only make half of the suit, leaving the skirt or the jacket plain.

This jacket is in bamboo beige whipcord, with a very narrow roll collar, squared shoulders and plain sleeves.

New points about it, which appeared on several other coats, were its length, reaching well down over the hips, and the fact that it didn't even meet, let alone fasten, but was just held together at the waist by a narrow brown belt.

Two pockets were slit in vertically below the belt. Blouse was made of brown silk, printed with beige circles; skirt was brown tweed with narrow beige stripes, cut straight in front, box-pleated at centre back.

DINNER for FOUR

Tomatoes in Cocottes.
Stuffed Halibut. Spinach. Mashed Potatoes.
Friars' Pudding. Celery Biscuits.

APPETISER.—Take a tomato for each person and butter some cocottes. Cut each tomato into three slices and put a little shredded onion and a spoonful of mince between each slice. Arrange strips of bacon across the top and bake in a moderate oven (Regulo Mark 5) for 20 minutes.

FISH.—Take two thin halibut steaks about 12oz. each, and put one in a buttered fireproof dish. Sprinkle with a herb forcemeat and put the other steak on top. Pour over a small tin of vegetable soup and bake in a moderate oven (Regulo Mark 5) for 35 minutes.

SWEET.—Well butter a cake tin 5½ in. by 3 in. Sprinkle thickly inside with brown sugar and fine breadcrumbs, so that it is well coated. Fill up with 1½ lb. sliced apples mixed with sugar, a few breadcrumbs, and about 2oz. butter cut into small pieces. Cover top with breadcrumbs and moisten with a very little water. Bake in a moderate oven (Regulo Mark 5) for 1 hour. Turn out and sprinkle with caster sugar.

SAVOURY.—Pile cream cheese mixed with whipped cream, chopped celery, salt, pepper and cayenne on top of cheese biscuits. Dust with paprika, and put a celery leaf in each.

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Minced chicken and ham, heated in a good thick sauce containing a dash of curry powder, is surprisingly good, while cooked cauliflower mixed with grated cheese and heated in white sauce is another appetizing idea. Small pieces of bacon, chopped kidney, and some skinned tomato all fried together is a further suggestion.

THEN there's the Mixed Club Sandwich, which, with its several layers of hot toast and varied fillings, makes a substantial meal at almost a moment's notice.

Lightly butter three slices of hot toast and on top of the first put a few small leaves from the heart of a lettuce which have been tightly tossed in mayonnaise, together with some cooked chicken cut into small dice. Add the next piece of toast, covering it with freshly grilled slices of bacon and another lettuce leaf. Now add the last slice of toast, and for the open top finish with slices of tomato and a little mayonnaise.

D. K.

Six Ways with Potatoes

KNOWLEDGE of other people's ways is very useful in the kitchen. Here, for instance, are some simple "foreign" ways with potatoes, which lend variety to the serving of our staple vegetable.

To make a French potato mould butter a plain round mould and coat with brown breadcrumbs. Slice thinly eight peeled potatoes and three ounces of Gruyere cheese. Fill the mould with alternate layers, beginning with potato and sprinkling each layer with salt, pepper, and a little melted butter. Bake in a moderate oven for half an hour and turn out on a hot dish.

Turkish Croquettes

To each half-pound of mashed potato add one ounce of melted butter, one teaspoonful tomato ketchup, one dessertspoonful anchovy essence, one beaten egg yolk, and salt and pepper. When cold, form into little cakes, coat with egg and breadcrumbs, and fry in hot fat.

For German stuffed potatoes bake six large potatoes in a slow oven. When soft, cut one end off each and remove the pulp, leaving the shell intact.

Mash the pulp and add two ounces of melted butter, two egg yolks, two tablespoonfuls of cream (or warm milk), salt and pepper, and, lastly, two tablespoonfuls of grated Parmesan cheese. Fill the potato cases, sprinkle with cheese, and bake in a moderate oven for 20 minutes.

Lyonnais Potatoes

Boil one pound of potatoes in their skins, being careful not to overcook them. Peel them and slice thinly across the potatoes. Fry them a pale golden brown in hot butter or lard. Keep them hot while frying a quarter-pound of thinly-sliced onions, also to a golden brown. It spoils the flavour of the dish to brown them more. Mix the onions and potatoes carefully. Sprinkle with pepper, salt, and finely-chopped parsley. Serve very hot.

Here is a tasty Swedish salad:—To each breakfastful of diced cooked potatoes add two tablespoonfuls of chopped celery, one tablespoonful chopped mixed nuts, and sufficient French dressing to moisten.

Hungarian Stew

Fry two chopped onions, without browning, in a generous ounce of butter. Add two peeled and chopped tomatoes and six thickly sliced potatoes. Barely cover with a light stock, and simmer gently for half an hour. Season and serve with a sprinkling of chopped parsley.

E. E. M.



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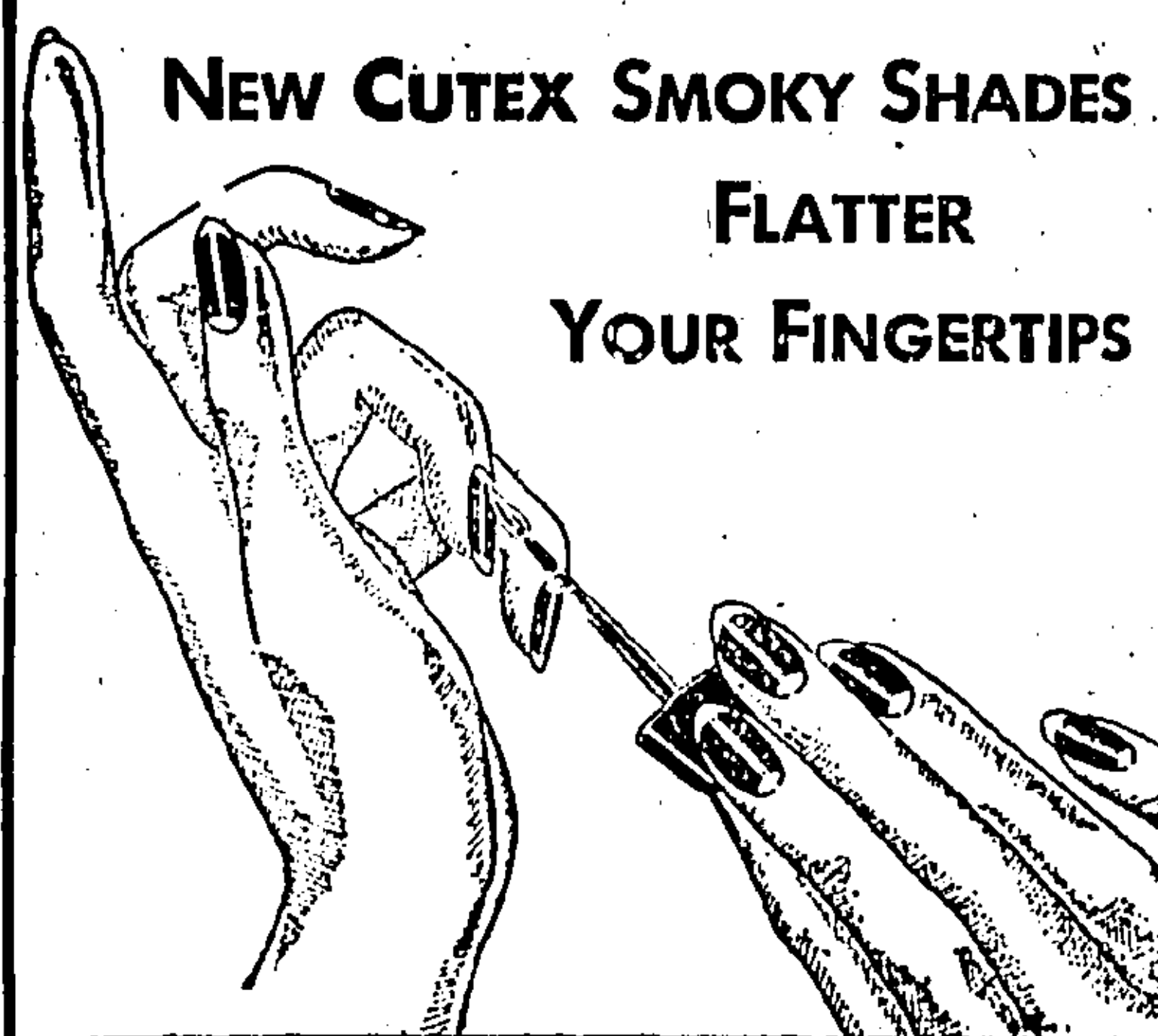
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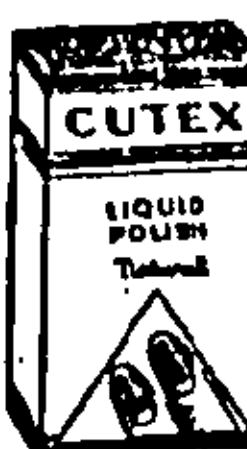
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Italy Will Embark On Ten-Year Maritime Programme

KNITTING CLUB FOR MEN IN PRAGUE



Sheila MacDonald To Become Policewoman

London.

Miss Sheila MacDonald, whose father was prime minister of Great Britain and whose brother is a cabinet member, is training to become a police court probation officer.

Her starting salary, after training, will be £220 a year just over £18 a month. In time this may be raised to a maximum of £320 a year, about £26 a month. Absolute top, should she eventually become a principal probation officer, or over-seer, is £400 a year, or about £34 a month.

For several years she has had a leaning towards social work, a good deal of which she has done in the south of London as a volunteer.

Neither of the daughters of the former prime minister, despite their father's high position and their residence at No. 10 Downing Street, Britain's "White House," have cared much for society. Both have preferred to devote themselves to more democratic, practical matters.

Miss Isabel MacDonald, who was her father's hostess at Number Ten, now runs a tavern or wayside inn, "The Plow," at Wycombe, Buckinghamshire. It is only a stone's throw from Chequers, the prime minister's official country home.

A few years ago at Chequers she entertained diplomats and celebrities. She has been the guest of the king and queen at Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle. Now she is "mine host" to wayfarers and watches her beer sales as closely as any other publican.

Sheila has shared high honours with her sister, but she cares even less for society. She has an independent spirit and cut adrift from her family in several ways. When her father left Downing Street, she went to the West Indies as governess to the two children of the then governor. She returned last year and joined her father in November for his projected tour of South America and the United States. She was his only companion when this trip was tragically ended by his death aboard ship.

She is the most travelled of the MacDonald girls, her trips abroad including a tour of Australia and

AS BID FOR MASTERY

By JOSEPH D. RAVOTTO
United Press Staff Correspondent.

Rome.

Italy will shortly embark on a ten-year ship building programme which will make her one of the world's leading maritime nations.

Decrees were recently published calling for the annual construction of 200,000 tons of merchant vessels for a total of 2,000,000 by 1948.

The building programme, however, is not to be limited only to cargo boats. Italy has built up one of the finest fleets of passenger liners since the war, has announced a second programme which is to complement the present one. It calls for the construction of 14 passenger and mail ships for a total of 250,000 tons. It will cost approximately 1,500,000,000 lire (\$75,000,000).

Nine ships will be built for the Italian Line for a total of 88,000 tons thirteen for the Lloyd Triestino line for a total tonnage of 82,000, seven for the Tirrenia Line for 43,000 tons and five for the Adriatic Line for 30,000 tons. In addition the Roma and Augustus will be completely transformed.

VITTORIA TO GO

In a few cases some of the liners presently in use will be replaced by new units. The smart Vittoria, the pride of Italy's extreme Orient fleet, will make way for a new 18,500 tons liner. Increasing competition by the British has dictated this change. The Principessa Giovanna and the Principessa Maria, both in the South American service, will be substituted by two new 10,000 ton motorships.

On December 31st, the total tonnage of mechanically propelled ships in the Italian merchant marine totalled 3,174,000 tons, putting it sixth place after Great Britain, the United States, Japan, Norway and Germany respectively. This is an increase of 1,744,000 tons or 122% over 1914's tonnage.

Of the 3,174,000 tons, approximately 1,700,000 tons consist of freighters devoted exclusively to the transport of material and supplies. The remainder are passenger and fast mail ships.

SELF-SUFFICIENCY

As in other economic domains, the prime object of Italy's drive for a bigger and better merchant marine is self-sufficiency.

It is not enough that Italians use Italian ships. Foreign traders must be persuaded to ship their goods to these shores on Italian ships as well. The reason for this can be seen in the following figures. Italy annually imports about 20 milliard tons of supplies and exports less than half that total. In order to strike a favourable balance, Italy would not only be obliged to ship all her exports on Italian freighters but at least one-third of her imports as well.

The goal is placed even higher. Italy would like to create huge fleet of tramp steamers and go into the international transport business. Italy has enviously watched the Scandinavian countries build on their fleets of freighters to assume leading places among the maritime nations. Italy makes no secret that she wants to take a cut of this transport business for herself.

BE INDEPENDENT

If all of this could be realized, other elements would be brought into play. With a merchant marine that could amply take care of all the imports and exports, Italy would no longer be at the mercy of other nations in case of economic sanctions.

It will be recalled that many countries, United States included, at the time refused to send food and supplies to Italy on their own ships. Had Italy a larger merchant marine she could have afforded to smile at the Geneva institution instead of permitting it to cause her many nervous moments.

The human element is another important factor. Two-million tons of new freighters will require a great deal of man power to operate them. The ten-year building programme will further absorb thousands of strong, young husky Italians for that period of time at least. As thousands of soldiers are due to return from Spain sooner or later, the shipbuilding programme should help Mussolini solve the problem of reintegrating them back into Italian industry.

Realizing the advantages of a large merchant marine, the government has hinted that it is willing to help those who contribute towards its construction. Aid would come in the form of financial assistance to the builders and special shipping rates to those who favour the Italian over foreign ships.

The authorities have added that they will frown on further purchases of foreign trampers as has been the custom in the past. It is to be modern snappy, speedy Italian constructions or nothing at all. —United Press.

HERE YOU ARE, HONGKONG. Men in Prague, barred with life, have started a knitting club. It has 30 members and members of the Fanling Golf Club would feel chastened to hear the Czech flow of language when a stitch is dropped.

Reno Has Clean Up of Rackets

New York.

A powerful gambling syndicate, which has held sway at Reno, Nevada, for a quarter of a century, was smashed recently, when a New York jury found its millionaire ringleaders, William Graham and James McKay, guilty of fraud. Each faces a maximum penalty of 17 years' imprisonment.

The trial was held in New York because some stock deals were involved which were handled through banks in this city, and because Government lawyers were convinced that it was useless to try the case in Reno.

After the verdict had been announced the United States Attorney Mr. William Maloney, congratulated the jury. "This marks the end of a long-drawn-out contest between the bosses of Reno's underworld and the Federal Government," he declared. "It is Emancipation Day for Reno."

"These men had their feet on the throat of Nevada for years. They owned Reno, lock, stock and barrel. They got a big income from prostitution, and controlled all the crime elements west of the Mississippi. The Government has been trying to get them for 15 years."

GIRL, AGED 13, GETS DIVORCE

San Francisco.

Mrs. Gladys Stafford Robbins is one of the few women of the world who have become a grass widow at the age of 13. Her marriage last June to Forrest Robbins, a young plumber's helper, to which her mother had consented, was annulled under a statute denying the right of consent to parents when the child is under 16.

Jews Dispute A Biblical Law

Jerusalem, Mar. 15.

A battle royal is going on between orthodox and non-orthodox Jews over the biblical injunction to suspend all agricultural work every seven years and allow the land to lie fallow.

Nineteen thirty-eight, or year 5,688 of the Jewish calendar, is the biblical sabbatical year. The orthodox Jews are plastering the streets of Jerusalem and Tel-Aviv with posters denouncing the "Jewish unbelievers" who insist on planting trees and cultivating the land in spite of the biblical law.

The liberal Hebrew newspapers maintain that the need for building the Jewish National Home supercedes the ancient commandment.

First round has gone to the orthodox Jews, who have obtained cancellation of the yearly Arbor Day, when schoolchildren plant trees on the outskirts of the cities.—United Press.

New Zealand with her brother Malcolm MacDonald, then colonial secretary. He is now dominions secretary.

When her training is completed she will be attached to one of the London police courts to deal with probation cases, both juvenile and adult.—United Press.

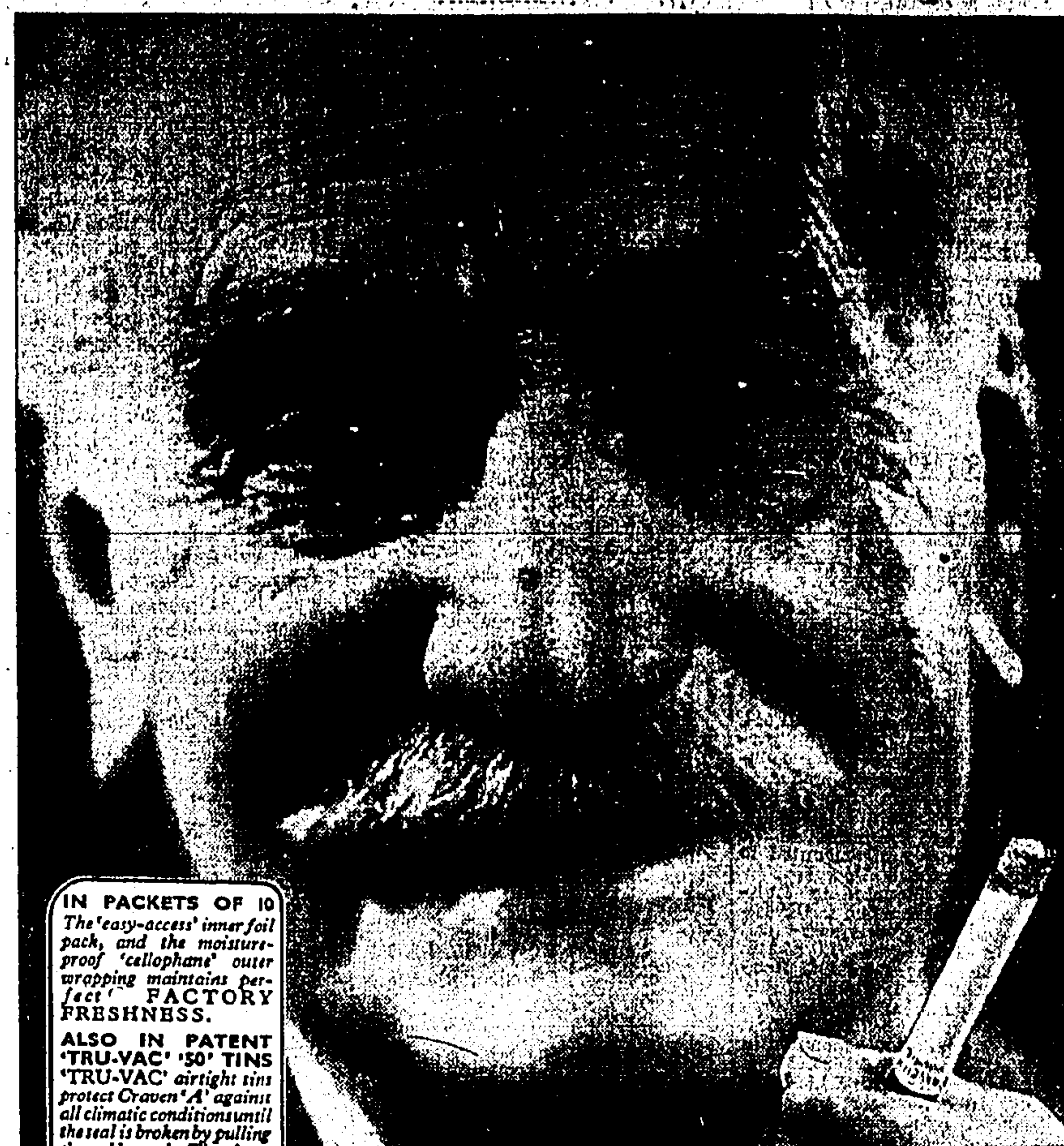
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VICTORY AT LINYI DESCRIBED

Crack Japanese Army Put To Flight

Hankow, Mar. 24. How Chinese troops of the long despised 20th Army won a signal victory at Linyi over crack Japanese troops of the Fifth Division under one of the most militant field commanders of the Japanese Army, Gen. Itagaki, formed the subject of a very interesting discourse to-day by a noted Chinese strategist to the foreign Press.

The general stated that Linyi was one of the most notable battles of the war so far, because for the first time relatively ill equipped and poorly officered Chinese units not only successfully attacked a large Japanese force, forcing them to retreat, but were also able to pursue the enemy for a whole day and consolidate the fruits of the victory.

"This event is of the greatest importance," he continued, "because it reaffirms our faith in the potential strength of the Chinese Army. I can tell you that our military strength is increasing daily and that our morale is higher than ever."

"Whether we bent and pursue the enemy as at Linyi or make a strategic withdrawal from the railways, as in Shansi, all we now do constitutes a consciously planned part of our strategy aimed at exhausting and driving out the enemy."

SECOND DEFEAT

An interesting sidelight concerning the Japanese force is that Gen. Itagaki was defeated for the second time, the first being at Pinghsinkuan, Shansi, at the end of last year.

As a result of the battle of Linyi, the Japanese are estimated to have lost 14,000 killed and twice as many wounded, in addition to 600 prisoners taken, the latter at present having been transferred to Hsuehchow.

Numerous trophies were also taken, including three pieces of artillery. Chinese losses are approximately similar.

Details of the battle were then explained. The events before the battle, to the end of January, were that the Japanese 105th Division was landed at Tsinling, the main force being stationed at Chucheng, Lung-kow and Linchiu.

Late in February the Japanese started a southward movement towards Linyi. Chinese bandit allies,

under Liu Kwel-tang, led the advance. However, Chinese troops easily defeated the bandits, after which the Japanese troops continued alone.

BATTLE MOVES

At the beginning of March, Gen. Itagaki's Fifth Division moved south from Yuchow. The total Japanese force, consisting of two divisions, with artillery and planes, took up positions east and north-east of Linyi across the Yellow River, facing a Chinese force, consisting of three divisions.

Chinese strategy involved holding up the Japanese east of Linyi, while advancing north along the west bank of the Yi River, with the object of crossing higher up and cutting off the Japanese rear.

This was successfully accomplished by March 15, despite the fact that the Japanese were seemingly informed of the Chinese tactics, and sent the Nagano Regiment across the Yi River from Tangtchen, 20 miles north-east of Linyi, to meet the advancing Chinese left flank.

As a result of three days of hard fighting, the Japanese centre and flanks were all forced to retreat north-east upon Tangtchen on March 18, the retreat being accelerated because the Chinese troops previously had burned the villages and left no shelter.

The Nagano Regiment, west of the Yi River, was completely wiped out, the commander being killed. The pursuing Chinese troops dislodged the Japanese from Tangtchen and advancing further took Yishui, 30 miles north of Linyi, on March 20.

SECOND CLASH LIKELY

A second battle for Linyi is imminent according to latest Chinese military reports. The new Japanese offensive opened on March 22, evidently aiming to take Linyi and cross the Weishan Lake. Hand-to-hand fighting has been taking place frequently following the arrival of 4,000 new Japanese troops who will ultimately attempt to cut the Lungkai line at Kweitch.

Rain has impeded fighting at Hanchuang, on the main Tientsin-Pukow railway front. Meanwhile additional Japanese forces transferred to north Kiangsu have taken Junko, north of Nanangchow. This coincided with the increased activity of the Japanese navy along the Yangtze following the visit of Admiral Toyoda.

In south Shansi, Chinese troops recaptured Licheng, killing 1,000 Japanese.

In south Anhwei, Chinese guerrillas destroyed 13 bridges on the Hsuan-cheng-Wantzui highway and they ambushed and destroyed 200 Japanese. —United Press.

IMPORTANT LESSONS LEARNED DURING COLONY MANOEUVRES

In a final communique issued last night from Military Headquarters, it was announced that the combined manoeuvres carried out during last week-end were very successful.

The purpose of the manoeuvres, the communique states, was not to allocate success or defeat to either attackers or defenders, and this was not done, the operations being terminated on Monday morning at the moment when the attack by the enemy infantry on the centre sector of the defence was adjudged to have been halted.

The object of the operations was primarily to train and practise the garrison in their duties and to discover their shortcomings. In this regard several important lessons were learned.

The communique, which also gives a brief recapitulation of the course of events during the attack, states:

The combined operations which commenced early on Saturday morning, March 19, were brought to a close at 7.30 a.m. on Monday by order of Major-General A. W. Bartholomew, C.B., C.M.G., C.M.B., D.S.O., at a moment when the attack launched by the enemy's last immediate reserves of infantry against the centre sector of the defence was adjudged by the umpires to have been halted.

The least part of manoeuvres such as these is the allocation of success or defeat to one side or the other as only real war can decide this. It is therefore emphasised that the principal value of the operations lay not even in arriving at any final conclusion as to the degree of efficiency of the defences, but in training and practising the garrison in their duties and by their failures or mistakes and in discovering their shortcomings with a view to putting them right. In this respect the exercises proved most satisfactory from every point of view.

A brief recapitulation of the course of events will illustrate to what extent the various parts of the garrison were tested.

Great value was got out of these operations, particularly in all departments of command, that is to say, in the issue and transmission of orders and intelligence, the methods of communication and the handling of reserves. Also a number of lessons were learnt in matters of administration such as the increased use of mechanical transport and all the problems resulting therefrom, and the feeding of troops in isolated positions.

FIRST LANDINGS

It will be remembered that active operations opened by the issue of an order for the deployment of the garrison to start at 9 a.m. on Saturday. This deployment was completed in all important respects by 12 noon. During the morning hours was received of a landing in Deep Bay of a force estimated at two regiments (total six battalions), one regiment of which crossed Deep Bay and effected a landing unopposed about Yuen Long, the second regiment marching overland from Lam Tau and crossing into the New Territories near Fanling. The first regiment, moving across country after a very fine march, gained touch with the left of the defence near Tsau Wan at about 10 p.m., and, reinforced by a detachment which advanced over the hills, attacked the Rajputana Rifles under Sun day and drove in their outposts. In spite of a renewed attack on Sunday afternoon no further advance was made on that front.

At about 11.30 a.m. on Saturday the Fortress Commander, with a view to delaying the advance of the enemy reported near the frontier, had sent forward a machine gun company to hold the defile just south-east of Fanling. This move was carried out in mechanical transport and the force was in position by 2 p.m.

During the afternoon a battalion of enemy was landed on the north shores of Tolo Harbour about 5 p.m. and advanced rapidly on Tai Po.

TOLO HARBOUR SUCCESS

The extent of the threat from the enemy landing in Tolo Harbour was not fully realised at first, but when the decision to withdraw the delaying force from Fanling was taken, the transmission of the order failed, with the result that ultimately, when it did commence to withdraw, it found the enemy across its line of retreat and in attempting to break through was badly hampered and about half of it cut off. A good lesson to be learnt by this incident is the necessity for speed in decision and transmission of orders by the higher commanders and staffs on one hand, and accurate appreciations of the situation and initiative by the commander of the threatened force on the other, should orders or information fail to reach him from behind.

Some excellent work was done by the armoured cars and motor m.g. of the mobile column of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps in assisting the withdrawal of the delaying force. By nightfall the only change of importance in the disposition of the defence was the reinforcement of the Rajputana Rifles on the left with a view to meeting the advance of the enemy from the north west.

At about dawn on Sunday a battery covering Port Shelter, manned by Volunteers, came into action against approaching hostile ships which, however, succeeded in moving under the lee of the shore and landing troops in spite of opposition from the posts on the beaches occupied by Middlesex and Volunteers machine gunners. This landing succeeded in penetrating to Tai Po Tsai, but, after being held by other machine gun posts, was finally reduced to impotence by a strong counter-attack by the Kumaon Rifles who,

after re-establishing the line, were withdrawn into reserve.

END OF FIRST DAY

During Sunday afternoon a determined attack against the Rajputana Rifles position failed to make progress and the day ended with the enemy in contact precariously on the extreme right but firmly on the centre and left sectors, with a general indication that the morning would see renewed activity by the force advancing south from Fanling, and a reorganisation of the defence of the centre sector was affected during Sunday evening to meet this threat.

The threat materialised in an attack before dawn that morning (Monday) which, after two local successes, was brought to a halt. To meet this attack the Mainland Commander's reserve was brought up in lorries at which point the operations were closed down.

The operations demonstrated the great importance of reliable communications and the value of motor transport for tactical purposes.

As regards communications, in spite of the difficulties and delays which naturally arise during the first day of a manoeuvre, there was a marked improvement as the operations progressed.

ISLAND DEFENCE

On the island the operations were confined to small attempts by the enemy to effect landings to distract the defence, but in the vain hope of finding the defence unwary and effecting a successful coup de main. In two places this came near to being successful. The first at Pokfulam, where a landing succeeded in penetrating as far as Mt. Kellett before being repulsed, and near Tylam, where an enemy force landed and reached Tylam Reservoir and Bungalow. But here again the defence was equal to the occasion and by the time the operations were closed down on Monday morning the defence, with the exception of two small enemy successes, was intact.

During this time the Navy co-operated with the mixed defences of the fortresses and some good training in engaging ships under realistic conditions resulted, including a realistic attack on the forts guarding the eastern entrance to the Harbour.

The Air Force also co-operated under difficult conditions.

A word is due to the contractors who supplied and the Chinese drivers who drove the many hired lorries and cars so reliably throughout the three days.

And not the least among the factors adding to the realism of the manoeuvres was the weather which provided all the conditions in the short space of 36 hours which could be desired. The operations opened under ideal conditions followed by a short but sharp period of violent rain and discomfort during Sunday afternoon. The weather then recovered during Sunday night and Monday. Monday opened as a foggy day but otherwise fair morning which exercised the troops under one of the most dangerous conditions in which they returned to their barracks cool and dry.

The thanks of His Excellency, The Governor, are conveyed to the public for co-operating with the military during these operations and bearing without complaint any inconvenience caused. It is inevitable that either by noise of troop movements, firing of guns, or by congestion on the roads the normal routine of the people is to some extent interfered with. It is hoped that in this instance the inconvenience caused did not exceed reasonable proportions.

INDIA STAUNCH TO BRITAIN

Bombay, Mar. 24.

In an important statement on Congress policy, one of the most prominent Congress leaders to-day expressed surprise that it was anywhere suggested that Congress would take the opportunity of British pre-occupations elsewhere in order to embarrass the Empire by action in India.

India's sympathy would inevitably be with Britain in any difficulty or conflict in which Britain was forced. As an autonomous unit the free association of the peoples of India would line up with Britain. He said that the test was whether Britain was prepared to replace the existing Constitution by one drafted by the constituent assembly. —Reuters.

RADIO BROADCAST

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Of 1939.—Selection... Foot at the B.B.S. Theatre Organ & Rugby Press, Weather and Announcements.

1.40 Gilbert & Sullivan Excerpts. "Iolanthe" Tripping Hither, Tripping Thither... Chorus of Girls; "The Mikado" From Thy Dark Exile... Bertha Lewis, Nellie Brercliffe and Chorus of Girls; Good Morrow, Good Mother... Leslie Rands & Chorus of Girls; Every Bill And Every Measure... Bertha Lewis and Mixed Chorus; When All Night Long... Sydney Granville (Bass).

1.50 Variety Numbers. Humorous—"The Ole In The Ark" (Marriott Edgar); "Jonah And The Grampus" (Marriott Edgar)... Stanley Holloway Humorous Monologue, with Piano; Vocal—"There's A New World" (From "O.Kay For Sound"); Sing Me A Swing Song (Carmichael-Adams)... Ike Hatch with Orchestra; Orchestra—Viennese Romance; Waltz (May—De Rance); City Of A Million Dreams—Tango Fox-Trot (Halmes—Harper-Forrester-Nicholls)... Jack Wilson and His Versatile Trio.

2.15 Close Down. 6.0-7.0 Chinese Programme.

7.0 Dance Music. Swing Mister Charlie—Fox-Trot (Robinson-Taylor-Brooks); Breakin' In A Pair Of Shoes—Fox-Trot (Washington-Franklin-Step)... The Krakajax from the Sun Marco and Florida Club, London with vocal trio; It's Easy To Remember—Fox-Trot (From "Mississippi"); Soon—Fox-Trot (From "Mississippi")... Guy Lombardo And His Royal Canadians with vocal chorus.

7.12 Variety Numbers. Humorous—John Henry's Ghost... John Henry assisted by Gladys Horridge; Vocal—A Song Selection... Lys Gauty (In French with Orchestra; Accompanying); Harmonica Duet—Kronjongs Successen (Arr. Hodlars); Italian Favourites (Arr. Hodlars)... The Hodlars; Orchestra—The Eyes Of The World (From "O.Kay For Sound")... Louis Levy and His Gaiety British Symphony with vocal chorus.

7.35 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.40 Studio—George Y. Lee (Vocal) and Doreen Ma (Piano).

1. Roses In December... Doreen Ma; 2. I Still Love To Kiss you Good Night... George Y. Lee; 3. Yours & Mine... George Y. Lee; 4. I Want The World To Know... Doreen Ma; 5. Stardust... George Y. Lee; 6. Afraid To Dream... George Y. Lee.

8.0 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 Fritz Kreisler (Violin). Tambourin Chinois (Kreisler); Caprice Viennois (Kreisler)... accom. by Franz Rupp (Piano).

8.10 London Relay—"Food For Thought".

Three short talks on matters of topical interest.

8.30 Studio—Piano Recital by Lys Gauty.

1. Prelude and Fuga in C Minor (Bach); 2. Prelude in B Minor (Bach); 3. Orgel Phantasie in G Minor (Liszt-Bach); 4. Sonate Op. 31, Allegro vivace (Beethoven).

8.50 Studio—Song Recital by Anna Lovisoff (Soprano) accompanied by Nura Kania.

1. "Arise, Kumi"—(From—the opera "Charodella"—Tchaikovsky); 2. Kolobennaya—(From the opera "Sadko"—Rimsky-Korsakov); 3. Tsvetiki—(Orlova); 4. Travoushka—(Fomin).

9.0 Organ and Choral Music. Fantasia In F Minor (Mozart)... Organ Solo by G. D. Cunningham; The Magis Flute (Act 2, "Bald Prangt, Den Morgen Zu Verkundern"—Mozart)...

Ave Verum Corpus (Mozart)... Berlin Children's Mozart Choir conductor, Fritz Steffen with String Quartet accom. Organ Sonata No. 3 In A Major (Mendelssohn)... Dr. E. Bullock playing on the Organ of Westminster Abbey, London.

9.30 London Relay—"The News".

9.50 Elgar—Concerto In B Minor, Op. 61.

Played by Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and the London Symphony, Orchestra, conducted by Sir Edward Elgar, Bart, O.M., K.O.V.

10.43 Chopin Piano Compositions. Mazurka—Op. 41 No. 1; Mazurka—Op. 50 No. 2; Ignaz Friedman; Nocturne In F Major, Op. 15, No. 1; Nocturne In B Major, Op. 9, No. 3... Arthur Rubinstein.

11.0 London Relay—"The Grand National".

A commentary on the race from Aintree.

11.30 Close Down.

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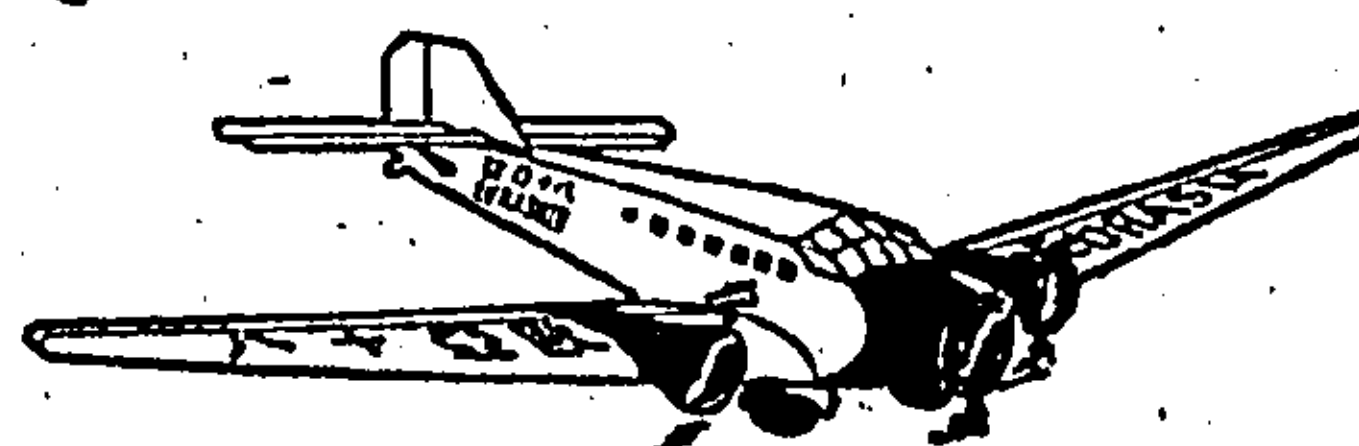
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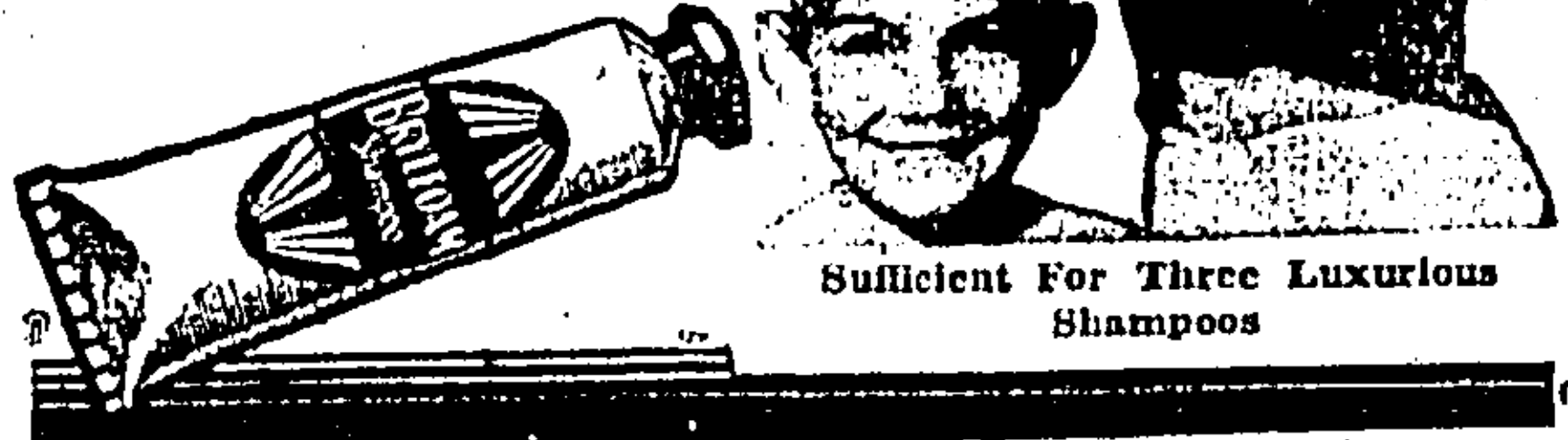
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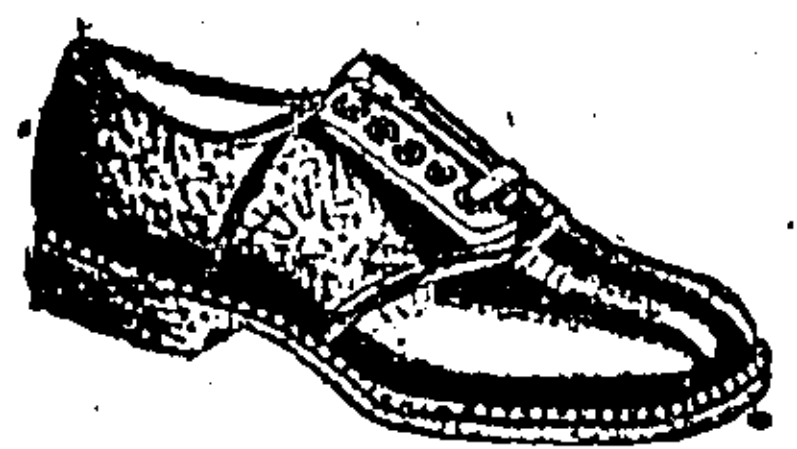
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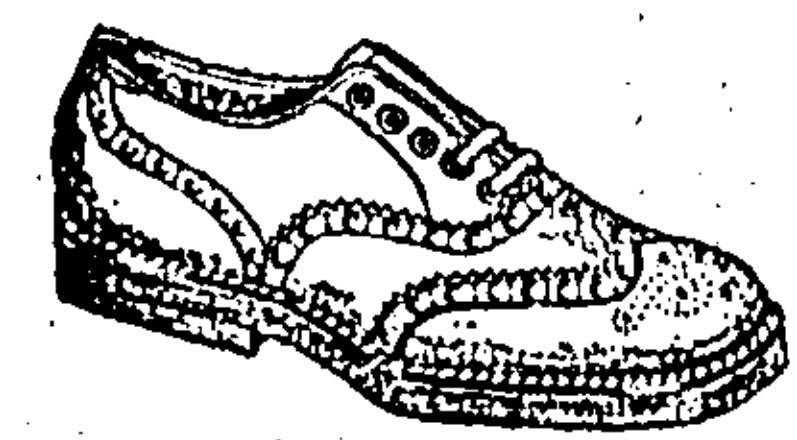
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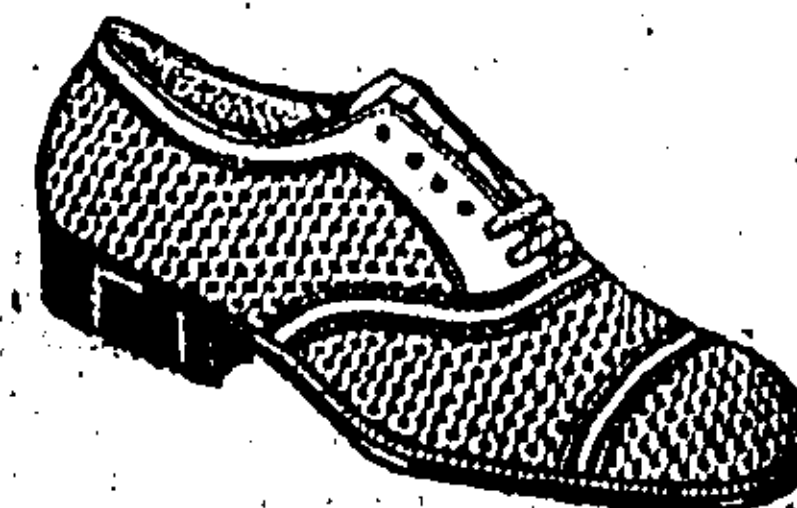
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KEY TO PEACE IN PALESTINE

Recently the Government decided to send an additional six full battalions of British troops to Palestine for permanent duty there. This means that the battalions will serve for as long as there is unrest in the territories for which Great Britain is responsible; or perhaps as long as there is trouble across their frontiers, which may well be for ever. For the Arab is a man with a long memory and fighting and raiding are in his blood. The six new battalions will reinforce the troops already stationed in Palestine, and they are a numerous and costly enough force to make the people who pay the taxes wonder what lies behind all this unrest.

It is a long story and only the essentials can be touched upon. It goes back centuries before the time of the Balfour Declaration, which gave the Jewish people a promise of a "home land" in Palestine. It is this Declaration which ostensibly created the present anti-British and anti-Jewish feeling among the tribes. But the chances are that whether the partitioning of Palestine had been attempted or not, the bedouin and his brothers would have continued to make trouble in the desert, raiding into the villages and to the borders of the towns; for that is the nature of the Arabs.

Long before the Great War, and as far as historians can take us, there have been wars in and around Palestine. When, shortly before the Great War, Britain had to think about her communications with India and her oil interests in the Near East, because of German and Turkish ambitions in that part of the world, there was considerable under-cover diplomacy and treaty-seeking with the various native rulers. When war finally came Britain had allies who harassed the Turks, and Hussein, one of Turkey's former Governors, was promised the rule of the Arab peoples for the part he played in the long campaigns. But while the Indian and Egyptian Governments and the British Foreign Office were making their separate agreements with various leaders and Lawrence was with Hussein, probably the greatest of the Arab rulers, Ibn Saud, was more or less forgotten. He was, in fact, underestimated. It was not until after the War, when he, in spite of the protection promised by the British to his enemies, waged war and conquered, that His Majesty's officials discovered they had backed the wrong horse. Ibn

The Irish Sweep is Drawn To-day. Here a Dublin Reporter, who lives in Hopes Himself, Tells of the

People I Would Like To Win The Sweep

A BIG Irish daily paper keeps me as a reporter. As such I suffer the indignities, enjoy the privileges and thrill to the excitement that only newspapermen know. As such I am ordered, smoothly enough sometimes, and excitedly enough at other times, to go out-and-get-it for the soulless machines that roll up from the press room when subs have finished drawing blue pencils through my copy and when I am staggering home and wondering if some careless waywardness of my story will meet with a rap from the Editor-in-Chief when the next day brings its newness and the usual morning reckoning up.

As a reporter I am human. Five years of dragging the sordidness and the alleged thrills out of life have made me human like the old men that have seen everything and can still get a kick out of a "scoop."

And as for this Sweep business, well, it's just another assignment as far as we are concerned. Not that we haven't reasoned out that the Sweep is a fine thing, mind you. Why, when we see the hospitals go up in our own city and know that in there mothers will bear their little kids, treated to all the best that science can give them, well, friend, we kind of think the world for its willingness to take a chance on the Irish Sweepstake.

And even the old sheet looks human after all and the great machines are almost rhyming out a psalm of halleluiahs sometimes when we publish the fact that there's going to be more of the world's wealth spent on healing down-and-outs in this wee land of ours, even if the other columns are reeking with the scent of munitions.

And when I see that the Sweep money is doing so much good I get to thinking sometimes that the money that doesn't exactly go to the hospitals, but to the people who are lucky out of a great-hearted bunch of ticket-holders, should if things were right, do some good too.

And I'm not telling you off, you winners, but just hoping.

THERE are some people, for instance, in my roving life that I would rather win than millionaires, magnates, mere mugs, or even me.

They are the brave, pathetic down-and-outs that can still give a friendly hand and a friendly smile when things are dead black, and can even frame the words "good luck to them" for those who walk off with a cool £30,000 prize.

YES, certainly I have some of them in mind. Once I was on an eviction story . . . last year I was at an inquest at the morgue and a woman said that a man had been in Flanders through the Great Tragedy and hadn't got much to do since. Then . . . his body had been picked out of a canal . . . not so long ago a great lad who had been on a paper here but just couldn't make the headway the Chief wanted, went out to India. There wasn't the same clear blue in his eyes when he came back last month. "Sand in the lungs," the doctors called it out there. They put him in a sanatorium. I have heard of too many to die with the wasting flame they call consumption.

THERE are the people you and I know of only too well. The girl with the shabby overcoat of three years back, tramping to the employment exchange and asking the same tired question day after day. You can even now conjure up the game smile of her as she calls to yet another establishment later in the day with a poor little parcel all wrapped up and the man inside the door of the shop below the three brass balls says—"Nine-pence, take it or leave it," and the girl of the shabby coat and the tired eyes sighs softly and takes it.

JUST one out of the millions. How many more could you not tell of. Kids out of the slums of the cities. Strong men whose hands are idle and whose hearts are breaking. Mothers who ache to be able to cook them a decent meal, but who welcome them home for all that.

Girls and men in the bread-lines of the world. As a great Irish poet described them—"the poor dumb suffering people."

The Hospitals Trust of the Irish Sweepstakes are doing their part, readers of this paper, wherever you are. When you get that prize, that I hope will come to you in the next draw, there's a dumb sap of a reporter telling you to have your pleasure, but to remember always the down-and-outs of the world.

THE FLAG

By
Patrick Monkhouse

THE flag, symbol of a nation's honour, has been prominent in many of the "incidents" which punctuate the Chinese War.

In Shanghai an excited Japanese thrusts a miniature Rising Sun flag in the hands of an English bystander; the Englishman, incensed, breaks the flag across his knee; and the Press of the whole world tells the story in flaming headlines.

From time to time there have been reports of Japanese soldiers hauling down a British or American flag. A century ago similar behaviour, even though perpetrated in a spirit of irresponsibility by ignorant and excited troops, might well have had the gravest outcome.

To-day the policy of British statesmen is directed above all to keeping the peace, and they

Saud had won control of all Arabia except Transjordan, Palestine and a few small areas under the domination of great western powers. Meanwhile, the old animosities and hatreds, the fierce blood feuds of the Arabs had burst into flame again. That fire has never since been quenched, though Ibn Saud has as near as pacifying the tribes as any man who ever lived.

Ibn Saud's fanatical fighting men would march against Britain or any other great power if their ruler gave the word. They do not like foreigners and "heretics" and unbelievers. And it must be admitted that they have a good argument in that they claim to be fighting for nothing more than their desert and their freedom to live and graze their flocks without molestation from outsiders. The Palestine partitioning can be made an excuse for Ibn Saud's tribes to raid here and there and keep the frontiers restless. Ibn Saud is the key man in the Inner Desert. He can control the tribes. If Britain seeks lasting peace for Palestine it would be well to consider the influence and far-reaching interests of this man whom even Lawrence misjudged, and strike with Ibn Saud a bargain which will make of him a permanent and willing ally.

prefer to liquidate such incidents by the patient methods of diplomacy. But still, despite the plain wisdom of this policy, it is impossible for the ordinary man to read with indifference that his country's flag has been insulted.

The high water mark of the flag as the symbol of national honour was reached in the nineteenth century. One old incident will show how deeply it was revered.

Nearly eighty years ago, when the French were pursuing some military operations in Syria, British men-of-war were lying off Cyprus.

One British vessel decided on a little gunnery practice. The gunner set to work to prepare a target, but could find no bunting to mark it with. At last a marine proffered a coloured pocket handkerchief, green, red and white, he had bought at Malta.

This faded handkerchief was duly nailed to a staff, which was stuck into a small cask, and the whole target was towed into a suitable position and eventually sunk by gunfire.

Meanwhile the captain of a French brig which lay close by had watched the firing, and mistaking the colours, had convinced himself that the handkerchief was a French flag.

Going on shore, he collected all the Frenchmen he could find, informed them that the sacred flag of France was being grossly insulted by the British Fleet, and induced them to sign a vehement protest, which they went on masse to deliver to the French consul.

The consul in turn, forwarded the protest to the British consul and sent to Beyrout, the French headquarters, for a French war-force in 1870.

The next thing, French and English met to argue it out, the lieutenants of the 24th Regt. French swearing that it was their flag which they had seen to save the regimental colours, and which was now lying in six fathoms of water; the British deep and rocky Buffalo River. One of them, Lieutenant Coghill, was shot down by the French.

more about it than the marine who has blown his nose with it for the last six months?"

By a lucky chance a boat succeeded in fishing up the missing target with a grapple, and the French were at last convinced that honour of their flag remained unsullied.

This notion that there is something peculiarly sacred about the flag was of long and gradual growth.

Early standards served a double purpose. They indicated the whereabouts of the commander; and, often bearing the name or image of a saint, they were supposed to secure the blessing and assistance of the saint on the men fighting under his banner.

It is an encounter between Scots and English that one first comes on the idea of the flag as something which must on no account be allowed to fall into the enemy's hands, even if the battle is already lost.

At Flodden Field, the standard of the Earl Marshal of Scotland was carried by one Black John Skirving, of Plewland Hill.

The Scots were defeated, and Black John was taken prisoner. But he succeeded in concealing the precious banner about his person—presumably stuffing it inside his shirt—until he regained his freedom.

A similar expedient for saving the standard was adopted by Ensign Walsh, who carried one of the two regimental colours of the Buffs at the battle of Albuera.

Being severely wounded, he tore the flag from its already broken staff, and thrust it in his breast, where it was found, and induced them to sign a vehement protest, which they went on masse to deliver to the French consul.

Perhaps the classic instance of an attempt to preserve the colours at all cost was at Island-hiwa, where 20,000 Zulus overwhelmed a small British force in 1879.

When the day was lost, two English met to argue it out, the lieutenants of the 24th Regt. French swearing that it was their flag which they had seen to save the regimental colours, and which was now lying in six fathoms of water; the British deep and rocky Buffalo River. One of them, Lieutenant Coghill, was shot down by the French.

THE "VERY IDEA"

SPRING HAS KELLY IN IT'S GRIP

By Eddie Kelly, Convalescent

WE have decided to travel when we win the £30,000 Irish Sweep tonight.

Travelling is in our blood, in fact.

Having decided this, we are now somewhat perplexed.

Shall we go to Waikiki? Haiti? The South of France?

We rather fancy the Italian Riviera. A good holiday can be had in Athabasca. We are not sure whether Athabasca is a place or a medicine, but we have heard good reports about it.

Athabasca, it seems, is a place where one can lie on one's back and lazily watch the clouds float by.

That's where we want to be. Way back in Athabasca.

Lying beneath the moon in some secluded spot—just dreaming. We would be Signor Edwardo Kellarino, idly strumming our guitar, with wild, red roses entwined in our hair. With long, sensitive finger we would languidly reach out and pluck a quava or perhaps have ourself in some peaceful pool.

Not for us the deck chairs and boat decks. Give us the wide, wide open spaces. We want to smell the gorse and heather.

Cover us up with flame of the forest. Let us dwell in the scent of the thing—we could never think of the name of the stuff—laburnum. Or it might be geranium. Anyway, it doesn't matter.

Life is so full of sadness and sorrow let us not think of the morrow. (Poe?)

That's how we feel—soulful. Sometimes, when we're dreary and tired of the world, we like to talk to interesting people about our soul.

The trouble is that the moment we start they get the idea that they've got more complicated souls than us. Which is ridiculous.

There has been a slight interruption.

A gentleman has arrived wanting money.

He will not depart.

Test Test. Now we have lost our mood—the world is full of mundane things. Nothing beautiful about it! Shroffs hounding you every few minutes. Sub-Editors screaming for copy. Editors who think you're overpaid. Girls who slap your face on the slightest pretext.

What the world wants is more give and take.

Give a dog a bad name and what happens. He answers your whistle just the same.

We will now rejoin our friends at the Hongkong Hotel.

In future Mr. Kelly will burst into print on Tuesdays and Fridays.—Ed.

other, Lieutenant Melville, was struck by a shot just as he was reaching the bank. Coghill turned back to help him, and both were killed.

Their bodies were found some days later with a group of dead Zulus around them; and in the bed of the river the colours of the regiment, saved, as the historians of the Zulu War put it, "from the degradation of capture and contamination by the hands of savages."

This incident produced the profoundest effect in Britain.

Queen Victoria, deeply moved, bestowed the Victoria Cross posthumously on the two men.

When the colours were brought back to England, they were taken to her at Osborne, where with her Royal hand she attached to them a wreath of immortelles.

No commander made more of the colours than did Napoleon.

His famous tri-colour standards, surmounted by an eagle, were chosen by him to recall at once the "eagles" of the Roman Empire and the badge of Charlemagne.

He issued these standards to the Grand Army with resplendent ceremony in December 1804, and once a regiment had lost its "eagle" some outstanding feat of arms was required before a new one was granted.

Each standard was placed in charge of two young officers armed only with pistols, and charged with no other duty than to shoot down anyone attacking the standard itself.

The most notable fight for an eagle was at Austerlitz, where even the regimental major, C.

New York's District Attorney Cleans Up Prohibition Day's Rackets In Big City

LAST LINK WITH PROHIBITION ERA ENDED

EMPIRE NEWS

S. AFRICA'S FIRST NAVY WEEK

Cape Town.
South Africa's first Navy Week, which closed on Saturday, was attended by 22,000 people. From all points of view the event was a great success.

Thousands visited Simonstown Dockyard daily to board the ships of the African squadron, while nightly a searchlight tattoo was packed to capacity.

Sir Patrick Duncan, Governor-General, speaking at East London, said the time had passed when people spoke of South Africa as a country destined to go back to its old state when its mineral wealth was exhausted. Mineral wealth was being used to build up national progress.

Sir Patrick added: "We are improving our roads, railways, harbours and airways. We are becoming increasingly aware not only of our place on the great trade routes of the world but of the part we are destined to play in the development of the great hinterland of Africa."

Nation of Inventors.—South Africa has become a nation of inventors. With a white population of under two millions the Union was second only to Great Britain for the number of patents taken out last year. The respective totals were 479 and 502.—Reuter.

India

CONGRESS OPPOSES RACING

Calcutta.
The Puritanical strain in Congress which inspired the Prohibition campaign is again in evidence at Madras, where the Congress party is endeavouring to stop betting on horse-racing.

Members of the Turf Club are asked to resign and non-members to refrain from betting. Madras is one of the three big Indian racing centres.

At Calcutta greyhound racing has been stopped suddenly on the ground that it is illegal. The Government is unwilling to legislate to legalise the sport owing to the probability of organised Congress opposition.

Rural Uplift Dispute.—Hundreds of rural uplift workers, who, dressed in khaddar—native cloth—organise Congress flag salutations in their camps are causing discussion in the United Provinces because they are appointed by the Government and are paid from a fund of £275,000 for rural uplift. It is argued that these workers are Crown servants, subject to the same rules of conduct as Government servants. They ought, therefore, to be precluded from party demonstrations. Others contend that the workers are engaged in semi-honorary public work.

Lord Lothian's Tour.—The Marquess of Lothian will leave India by air on Friday, after a stay of several weeks. He stated to-day: "India is a far more interesting and vital place than when I was here six years ago."

Australia

GERMAN COMPLAINT EXPECTED

Sydney.
It was indicated to-day that the German Consul-General would shortly lodge a complaint at Canberra regarding a recent speech by Mr. W. M. Hughes, the Commonwealth Minister for External Affairs.

In the speech referred to Mr. Hughes said: "Many idealists are fond of asserting that if colonies are restored to Germany there will be world peace. The most casual examination of world affairs shows this to be an erroneous assumption."

Infantile Paralysis.—Out of a total of 1,700 cases of infantile paralysis since the epidemic in Victoria broke out there have been 83 deaths.—Reuter.

Child Kept 5 Years in Sunless Attic

New York.
This is the story of a five-year-old girl, rescued from a sunless attic where she has been imprisoned since birth. She cannot speak, she cannot walk, she cannot even laugh. She is afraid of a doll.

Doctors and nurses in Fayette County Home, Unlontown, Pennsylvania, are trying to awaken to life this pathetic thing that is alive.

To-day Matron Marietta, over the long-distance phone, told me the whole story, says a correspondent.

The girl, Alice Mary Harris, is the illegitimate daughter of a woman who has told the Humane Society officials that her septuagenarian father, David Harris, a local farmer, forced her to keep the child in the attic as punishment for her "sin."

Both he and the mother, Marietta, aged 26, are now under arrest.

Alice Mary has been brought to hospital from the cramped bedchamber she occupied, and is now being treated by the doctors, who say they hope to create a normal child from the sad little wreck who now lies in bed.

FRANCO'S TERROR COMES TO UNHAPPY BARCELONA



Shock, horror and grief are some of the emotional expressions registered on the faces of these women in Barcelona, who were caught in the midst of the recent insurgent air raids. The planes, described as of Italian make, from Palma, Majorca, took a death toll of thousands.

Tanks Decide Victory If Armies Are Deadlocked — Military Experts

By Otto Janssen
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON.
OPERATION OF TANKS IN THE CHINESE AND SPANISH WARS HAS SHOWN THAT ONE OF THEIR GREATEST CONTRIBUTIONS IS TO CRUSH ENEMY LINES AFTER TWO POWERFUL FORCES ARE STALEMATED, ARMY OFFICERS HERE COMMENTED.

Observation of tank activities in these two conflicts has demonstrated that the tanks "cannot win wars by themselves," but are valuable as auxiliaries to manpower military experts told the United Press.

These two wars have served as "testing grounds" for tanks and have brought out certain weaknesses both in use and construction which military strategists and engineers are now striving to correct.

They have disproved, some army observers believe, the contention of tank "enthusiasts" that future armies would be completely mechanised. War reports have shown, they assert, that the bulk of the fighting, particularly in a drive to gain territory, must be carried on by the men on foot.

The present trend, army officials believe, is toward lighter, smaller and faster tanks, such as the German and Italian types used by the insurgents in the Spanish War and the Russian models employed on the Loyalist side. The Japanese are said

to be using a similar kind in China. These light models are said to be capable of speeds up to 50 miles an hour over rough terrain.

Practically all of the 400 tanks in the United States army are of the "light" variety, weighing between eight or nine tons and usually accommodating four men. They carry guns of 30 and 50 calibre, although some also are equipped with 37 millimeter guns.

Army officials say these models are "very efficient" and believe them to be as good or better than those used by other countries.

The medium sized tank, weighing 15 or 16 tons, is not favoured as much in this country as the smaller tank. It is more heavily armed but is slower.

MOBILE FORTRESSES

It is reported that some countries are experimenting with a still heavier type of tank—a "mobile fortress." Army officials, although interested in any developments along this line, are said to be sceptical of such a weapon's value.

The United States has less tanks in proportion to the rest of its military strength than most other major powers, army officials believe, but they contend this country's high industrial development could assure speedy production in a time of crisis.

They also point out that it probably would be wasteful to produce large quantities of tanks at present because of the rapid obsolescence of such a comparatively new war weapon.

Officials also have been watching closely the developments of anti-tank weapons. These include three inch guns to be used in direct fire against tanks and a rapid-firing weapon to pierce the tank's heavy armour.

Another anti-tank weapon which has proved effective is the ground mine which explodes when the tank passes over it.—United Press.

Dixie Davis Falls Into Law's Hands

By Brydon Taves
United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK.
ONE OF THE LAST REMAINING LINKS WITH THE GANG ERA OF PROHIBITION DAYS WAS SHATTERED RECENTLY WITH THE ARREST OF J. RICHARD ("DIXIE") DAVIS, HEIR AND ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL ORGANISERS OF NEW YORK'S \$100,000,000-A-YEAR POLICY GAME MONOPOLY, FORMERLY THE UNDERWORLD EMPIRE OF ARTHUR (DUTCH SCHULTZ) FLEGENHEIMER.

The former church violinist, who rose to be the legal brains behind the widespread Schultz organisation, was trapped in a Philadelphia apartment house in a night raid by agents of Thomas E. ("Bust the Rackets") Dewey, recently elected District Attorney.

Also captured in the raid were George Weinberg, former Schultz "muscle-man" and brother of Abraham (Bo) Weinberg, Schultz lieutenant whose body was rumoured to have been encased in cement and dumped in the East River and Rose Rickert or Hope Dare, Broadway showgirl, with whom Davis was living at the time of his capture.

The arrest of Davis, who is supposed to have inherited the policy monopoly when Schultz and two leaders in his organisation were killed in a gun-battle in a Newark tavern in 1935, and of Weinberg brings to seven the number of Schultz mobsters under indictment and detained. Fifteen were originally sought in the drive to bust the numbers racket, and of these three are known to be dead, and at least some of the remaining five are also believed to have been killed.

Also in the hands of the authorities is Alexander Pompey, or Pompey, who was extradited from Mexico recently after an indictment had been returned against him. Charles P. Grimes, who led the raiding party with drawn guns into the Davis apartment, was also instrumental in obtaining Pompey's extradition.

Davis' arrest ended an eight months' search which took Dewey agents as far as Mexico, Montreal and Puerto Rico. It brought a reward of \$5,000 to the person or persons who indicated the fugitive's hideout to the authorities.

The detention of the trio was carried through quietly and swiftly. The New York agents, led by Grimes, motored to Philadelphia on the night of February 2. On the state line they were met by a group of Philadelphia police and the raiding party went directly to the apartment building where Davis and his sweetheart were known to be hiding. Ringing the bell of a door accustomed to night calls gave the detectives access to the first floor apartment where the couple lived under the name of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Gleason. The raiders hammered the door and informed the occupants that the building was surrounded and unless the door was opened they would break it in.

Muffled voices were heard, and then Weinberg, clad in a dressing robe, unlocked the door. Weinberg, who had been sleeping on a sofa in the living room and Davis and Miss Dare were in bed in the other room. The girl, known on Broadway as a strikingly beautiful red-head, was disguised in a black wig which she wore all the time.

Davis then made the first of two statements which were his only comment following his arrest; he asked if he might put on his trousers. The other he made an hour later when he was taken before a Philadelphia police magistrate.

"These two," Grimes said, indicating Davis and Weinberg, "look over the numbers and policy business, which entailed murders, assaults, kidnappings and other strong-arm tactics."

BIG ENTERPRISE

"They welded this business into a vast enterprise doing \$100,000,000 a year business. Since November, 1930, most of the Schultz mob have been slain. These two are the highest remaining members of the mob."

"Davis, a recently disbarred lawyer, was Schultz' lawyer and virtually the brains of the mob. After Schultz' death, he took a direct part in the subsequent crimes mentioned in the indictment. George Weinberg is a brother of the notorious Bo Weinberg, chief killer of the mob. These two (defendants) had complete control of eight numbers banks doing a business of \$15,000 a day."

Grimes asked that bail be set at half-a-million dollars, and the magistrate asked Davis if he had anything to say.

"I wish," he replied, "that you would set no bail at all in my case. Five hundred thousand dollars is so unreasonable, and I'd just as soon be held without bail."

Attorneys pointed out that under Philadelphia law it would be virtually impossible to hold Davis without bail for long, and believed that the wily lawyer was paying the way for a quick writ of habeas corpus. Bail was finally set at \$300,000 each for the two men, which neither attempted to raise, and \$2,500 for the girl, which was paid by a local real estate agent whose connection with the case was not clear. Dewey indicated that he was not interested in prosecuting Miss Dare, although

it was clear she was harbouring a fugitive from justice.

ACCEPTED ARREST QUIETLY

The trio accepted their arrest quietly and defiantly. But until the bus closed behind the 26-year old show-girl did her nerve snap and she screamed insults to photographers between tears and sobs. The men looked depressed, but composed.

Neighbours of the household said that "Mr. and Mrs. Gleason" had lived quietly and expensively since their arrival in September. Dinner was served in candle-light by a coloured maid. "Mr. Gleason," they said, had frequently been seen to wink at girls he passed in the corridors, while his wife went out of her way to coo over babies of families in the building.

The District Attorney's office immediately started to draw up extradition papers to bring Davis and Weinberg to New York. The former "Kid Mouthpiece," known as "Sonny Boy" to Dutch Schultz, has a twelve-count indictment against him which, if sustained on all counts, could send him to jail for 23½ years. Attorneys predicted that Davis could stay his extradition for 2 for 3 weeks.

At the time of their arrest, Davis said he was born in Rumania and Weinberg said he was born in Austria, although it had been generally supposed that both came from New York. After working his way through law school, he worked with a reputable law firm for a time, but soon moved to the fringe of Harlem where he made a success defending numbers of gamblers at \$15 dollars a case. It was then he attracted the attention of Schultz and later is supposed to have suggested that Schultz "organise" the policy and numbers business which subsequently developed into the largest underworld empire in the annals of crime.—United Press.

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H.K.T.
12.0-12.20 Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Sea Shanties.
The Sailor Likes His Bottle-O; Clear The Track, Let The Bullingie Run (Arr. Terry); John Goss and Cathedral Male Voice Quartet; Haul Away Joe; What Shall We Do With The Drunken Sailor (Arr. R. R. Terry); Fire Down Below; Hullo, Baloo Baloo (Harris); John Goss and the Cathedral Male Voice Quartet.

12.40 Harry Roy & His Orchestra. No Words—Nor Anything—Comedy Quickstep (From 'Everything is Rhythm'); Sky High Honey-moon—Quickstep (From 'Everything is Rhythm'); My Girl's A Rhythm Fan—Fox-Trot (Box-Cox-Roberts); Heart Of Gold—Slow Fox-Trot (Nolan); Orchestra with vocal refrain; Diddle-Dum-Dee—Quickstep (Dum-Forth); Goody-Goody—Fox-Trot (Mercer-Malneck); Orchestra with vocal refrain; I Heard A Song In A Taxi—Fox-Trot (From 'Transatlantic Rhythm'); Orchestra with vocal refrain.

1.0 Time and Weather.
1.03 Hale Da Costa at the Piano.
"Stand Up And Sing"—Medley; Intro—"There's always to-morrow, Take it or leave it," I would it could, "Take it from me" (Charles); "King Of Jazz"—Medley; Intro—"It happened in Monterey," Ragamuffin Romeo, 'A bench in the park,' Happy Feet.

1.15 Reginald Foort (Organ). Keep Smiling; (Reginald Foort's Signature Tune); The A.B.C. March (Foort & Ferring); Foort at the Organ; Thanks Organ; 'The King Steps Out'—Medley (Kreller); Foort at the Paramount—Theatre Organ, London; "Broadway Melody" (Continued on Page 6.)

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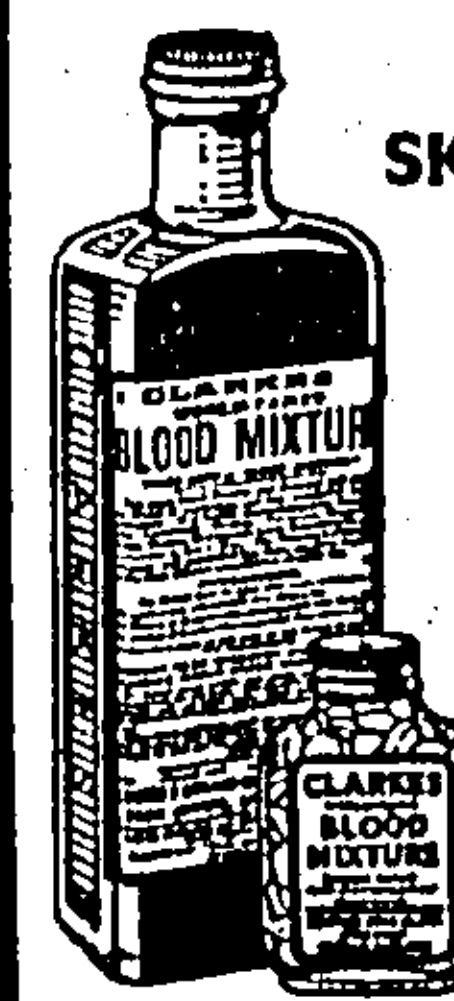


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HAVE RACE PONIES BEEN CORRECTLY CLASSIFIED?

ARGUMENT OVER THE RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT NINE EVENTS ARRANGED FOR TO-MORROW'S MEET

(By "Captain Foster")

Nine handicap events feature the programme of the Second Extra Race Meeting under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club to be held to-morrow at Happy Valley. Judging by the allotment of the avaricious by the gentleman in charge, it looks as if we are going to have a good day's sport with a lot of thrills. In my estimation, the hardest race to spot the winner will be in the Kongmun Handicap over a mile, confined to those China sub-griffins of this season who have not crossed the wire first at the Annual Carnival; incidentally it is the second leg of the daily double with an array of 27 nominations. The first saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m., sharp and a good field is almost assured in every contest.

I have before me a classification list of the Australian and China ponies issued by the Club under date of March 15, and one would hardly believe that 17 Australian chargers are in the "A" class, but there is only one short in number in the "B" standard and 25 appear in the "C" section. Among the China ponies, there are 15 first-class animals including the Derby winner, Silkylight, while 20 second raters have been assigned to the "B" company. We have 43 in the "C" class, but there is a powerful company of 55 racers in the "D" division and the "E" section has 41. It will thus be seen that we have an aggregate of 234 Australian and China ponies, but no "B" class race has been provided for the Australians to-morrow and the "A" and "E" classes among the China ponies will also not be seen in action.

There has been, as usual, a lot of argument over the classification of some ponies; but the criticism was not of any constructive nature. Racing out in the Far East is guided by the Rules of Racing of the English Jockey Club, which is one of the Turf authorities of Great Britain, Ireland and the Channel Islands and the Hongkong Jockey Club has not, to the best of my belief, deviated from its course.

SOME DISSENTION

Space does not allow for a general survey of what the argument was, but there was no doubt some dissension over the classification, say, Expression Time to "A" class among the China ponies, and Lucky Lad and Sydney Bridge among the Aussies. Expression Time, after winning the "Black Rock" Stakes over a mile, has not appeared in public and it must be borne in mind that that was the grey gelding's first and only run at the Annual Carnival. Expression Time may or may not be a first class animal, but how can the members of the classification sub-committee be in a position to gauge the capability of a pony on just one outing? Lucky Lad and Sydney Bridge both weighed out once at the big meeting and that was surely no justification for the classification sub-committee to consider them below the "A" class of Australian ponies. It may be of interest to owners to know that prior to the passing of a new rule, the invasion of French horses in England among the big classics during 1936 met with extraordinary success and the Jockey Club had no other alternative but to protect English horses from foreign competitors.

NEW RULE

The South China Morning Post's London correspondent wrote on February 18, 1937, as follows:—

"The new Jockey Club rule, to protect English horses from foreign competitors who as 'unknowns' are sent on flying visits to pick up valuable prizes in handicap events, has been praised. It is laid down that, unless they have run three times in this country and their form exposed, they must be put at the head of the list. The large number who were successful last season seemed to make this safeguard necessary.

But it is now seen that the rule may have an unfortunate effect. The two French horses, Moody and Astor, who had been entered for the Lincolnshire Handicap, have been scratched. They had been put on the back mark, and it may be presumed that their owners decided that the weight they had been given was excessive, and that they were left without a chance."

In the light of above, one must admit that there was no other course left for the classification sub-committee to assign Expression Time, Lucky Lad and Sydney Bridge to the "A" section of their respective classes. Owners in general would be advisable to give their ponies more outings, for once the form of their racers has been thoroughly exposed, they will not be harshly treated by the classification sub-committee and the official handicapper.

WUCHOW HANDICAP

In the penultimate event, the Wuchow Handicap, for China griffins of this season that have not won, the order of the finish should be Humdrum Eve (Mr. Pih), Lancashire Lass (Mr. Ip) and Just In Time (Mr. S. C. Liang).

OPENING EVENT

Coolgardie Handicap For Australians

The Coolgardie Handicap, which is the first event on the card, is confined to non-winning Australian subscription griffins of this season over a course from the two mile post, once round and in, and there is every prospect of a good race between Colorado Star and Macquarie River. I am inclined to believe that the former is a better animal over a distance run. Erection makes her first appearance and this damsel by Ocean Force is related to Mr. F. C. Hall's Boris who did nothing at the February meeting. On the strength of training times, Erection, it seems to me, is better from a mile and under. Lucky Lad, I understand, will be ridden by Mr. Billy Poy and I fancy him, provided of course he is quite sound.

FOUR ENTRIES BY MR. EU TONG-SEN

Cameronian Good Enough To Win

Very good response has been received in the way of entries for the Cameron Handicap "B" class for China ponies over six furlongs, there being 17 smart sprinters. Mr. Eu Tong-sen has nominated four ponies, Cameronian, Potentate, Rob Roy and Rose-Queen. I have not been able to ascertain whether the entire outfit will accept, but it is learned that Mr. Tuo will have the mount on Cameronian and Mr. Poy will ride Potentate who has been given top-weight in conjunction with Red Feather and Royal Scot. Red Feather (Mr. S. W. Tang) and Royal Scot (Mr. C. L. Gregory) have each a pull of three pounds owing to the fact that they are bigger animals than Potentate, but the chance of Royal Scot to be in the limelight at the finish is very remote. This is the first handicap event between "B" class ponies of last year and the Derby griffins of this season, such as Cameronian, Confusion Bay, Handicap Eve, Jobber and National Pride, the cream no doubt being Cameronian who has to carry weight for inches. It is difficult "to get a line" on all entered for this event, but I do like Cameronian after his brilliant performances at the big meeting. There are, however, several good uns near the bottom of the assessment and Dawn Star, Havoc Eve and Honeycomb Eve are very prominent. The two "EVES" are now the property of Mr. Li Lan-sang and whichever one Mr. H. C. Pih decides to ride is worth to have your money on. New Star, formerly owned by Mr. L. Reidy, has gone back to his original owners, Kong Bros. and he has only 140 lbs. to shoulder.

ST. KILDA HANDICAP

Many Entries On Level Basis

Perfect Day, Racing Heart, Snowy River and Zodiac have recently been demoted to a lower standard and the inclusion of these four in the St. Kilda Handicap for "C" class Australian ponies will no doubt cause speculation in the park as to the weight adjuster has lined them on the same level with Discovery Bay. The latter has been set to carry 105 lbs. and Discovery Bay is a fast lady over a distance from the 1½ mile post which is about five furlongs. The mare, formerly owned by Mr. Dunbar, ran a good third in the Flemington Plate over the same jaunt at the Annual Meeting, but with Derby Day and Ranger out of the race, she should be considered to have a sporting chance. The real danger is Brutus who has been nicely weighted and so is Roafly (Mr. Poy) of the same stable with an allotment of only 145 lbs. Racing Heart (Mr. Tang Man-wa) is not looking too well, but Snowy River (Mr. K. S. Shu) does not like the gate and these two can therefore be left out of the reckoning. Twilight Star will be ridden by Mr. Proulx and the competition is worth watching.

FANLING GRAND NATIONAL

Fine Programme For Sunday

(By "Captain Foster")
All the regular followers will no doubt be going out to the Kwantli Racecourse on Sunday to witness the big event, the Fanling Grand National for China ponies, staged under the auspices of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club. In addition there are five attractive events on the card, the chief being the Governor's Cup presented by His Excellency Sir Geoffrey Northcote.

The meeting will terminate with a consolation scurry over half-a-mile for China ponies that have started and not been placed first or second. As this will be post entries, the tipping must be left to punters' discretion.

My selections for the first five events are as follows:

MELBOURNE CUP

Fairy
Saffire
Stratherrick

FANLING GRAND NATIONAL

Estover
Ebony Idol
King's Worlty

GOVERNOR'S CUP

Racing Strain
Jack Scott
Mortmain

ST. JOHN CUP

Wildnes
Araxy
Zero

LADIES HURDLE RACE

No Fear
The Minx
Double Chance

PLANCHET PENALISED SLIGHTLY

Another Tussle With Louis VIX

For a win by the narrowest of margins in the Tytam Handicap "A" division, Planchet has been penalised a pound for his victory and we should see a good contest between Mr. Hall's candidate and Mr. S. W. Tang's Louis XIV. When they last met, the run was over a mile whereas to-morrow in the Sub-griffins Spring Handicap, the trip is over the champion course and they are up against old sub-griffins, Bistre (Mr. H. F. Chan) and Rose-Evelyn (Mr. B. L. Tao). The latter and Louis XIV are on the top of the ladder and both of them have to concede a couple of pounds to the winner of the Garrison Cup—Bistre. The Tytam Handicap "A" division was run in 2.03.2/5 which was exceptionally good for Planchet and Louis XIV, the latter losing by a very short head, and if they can reproduce the same form, Bistre and Rose-Evelyn will have some job to prevent them from passing the winning post first. I am afraid Desert Star (Mr. Proulx) does not like a run over 1½ miles, but Salvage (Mr. Proulx) has been kindly treated and should be well up at the finish.

FORMER RIDER DONNING SILK ONCE AGAIN

Mr. H. A. Botelho To Ride To-morrow

After his nasty accident on High Honour in the Jockey Cup run on February 24, 1937, Mr. H. A. Botelho has not donned the silk jacket for a long time, but the novice rider has been induced to take out either Gold Coin or Gold Sovereign in the Swatow Handicap for "D" class China ponies. Mr. Botelho has not made up his mind at time of writing, but I have good reason to believe that he will give preference to Gold Coin. The mare has only 140 lbs. and the jockey will have no difficulty to tip the scale. Gold Coin must weigh out with blinkers and the success of course depends upon her mood. Election Time (Mr. Spreckley) makes her first appearance in this class, but with a load of 103 lbs. she may not last the distance. Mac's Adventure has recently been in the limelight and the nag will be looked after by his owner, Mr. G. W. Cooper, who is going to make his debut as a jockey. The combination was successful at one of the meetings in this class, but not very long ago and Mac's Adventure has a sporting chance to present his card to the judges. Plain View (Mr. K. I. Ip) is undoubtedly the best of this bunch, but Valorous (Mr. C. L. Gregory) may upset the apple-cart. The first leg of the daily double is on this event.



Glenn Cunningham, famous miler, formerly of the University of Kansas, now running for the New York Curb Exchange A.C., winning the Wanamaker mile at the thrill-packed Millrose games in New York recently. Others, left to right, Charles Fenske, Gene Venke and Don Lash. Archie San Roman, who took second place, is obscured in the picture by Fenske. Cunningham, who held the world's record for the mile until it was broken by Sydney Wooderson, of England, last year, is staking a come-back this season and recently put up a record for the fastest mile ever run on an indoor track.

Sidney Barnes Still Fit At 65

Within a month of his 65th birthday, Sidney Barnes, regarded as the greatest bowler of all time, has been advertising from his home at Stafford that he wants cricket engagements for the coming season. He said to an interviewer that a man can continue cricket as long as he is fit, and as he is perfectly fit he fails to see why he should not have up to ten more years at the game.

SIX ENTRIES FOR BROKEN HILL H'CAP

All Likely To Accept

The Broken Hill Handicap for "A" class Australian subscription ponies has attracted only six entries, but I understand all are going to accept with the following jockeys up:

Blandford B. L. Tao
Courtney Eve H. C. Pih
Double Finesse H. V. Needa
Electro H. V. Needa
Home Brew A. W. Raymond
Lancashire Chips D. Proulx

All the candidates are looking extremely well, and this being a sprint from the 1½ mile post, all have equal chances. Double Finesse is known to be a good starter but the mare has lost her old champion, Mr. H. C. Pih, who had to take out her sister—Courtney Eve. The latter is now the property of Mr. Li Lan-sang and last Wednesday morning did a good gallop over a mile. Election also went well with Mr. Needa in a trial of six furlongs and the home run pleased the connections. Home Brew will appear with Mr. and Mrs. Stanton's colours.

KONGMUN HANDICAP

Biggest Field May Start Here

The biggest field of the afternoon will be seen in the Kongmun Handicap confined to non-winning China ponies, subscription griffins of this season, and it is certain that the services of all the jockeys will be needed for there are 27 entries. I am figuring that we shall have over 20 runners and the following is a list of probable starters and jockeys:

All Baba H. C. Pih
Astrak C. L. Gregory
Besterave Ho Hong-ping
Cape Concorin F. V. Li
Crispida H. N. Han
Cleave Ip Kiu-ying
Crispida H. N. Han
Cuban Love Y. T. Fung
Dark Hazard B. W. Tang
Fai Wing B. W. Tang
Five Riders B. C. Chao
Golden Cow S. C. Liang
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National Guard V. K. Yuen
Sahara Star H. Proulx
Split Hand H. Proulx
Tribute H. Proulx
Winning K. I. Ip

I have been trying my level best to "get a line" on all the ponies (Continued on Page 2.)

No Badminton This Evening

It is officially announced that on account of the indisposition of P. H. Wong, the badminton finals arranged for this evening at the Club de Recreio will not take place.

Cricket Notes

"R. Abbit" Discusses 8-Ball Over

Some Difference Would Be Made

I have already, in my article of Tuesday last, referred to the play off between the I.R.C. and Craigengower on the Club ground. It was only to-day, however, that I realized that according to the cards, this takes place on the Club ground on the same date as an Over 30 v. Under 30 Colony game. I hope that, as everything seems packed up so early this year, that this Colony game will take place on a subsequent date. If this is so, however, I have no information as yet.

The K.C.C. I see, in their card have got down March 28 for a Champions v. The Rest game. This of course is automatically cancelled. As regards the same match in the Junior Division, I am told that it will not take place to-morrow, but I believe there is some question of playing it on Saturday week. I shall have to find out more definitely later.

TELEPATHY

Two or three days ago I read an article by a brother scribe about the eight-ball over. It must have been a sort of telepathy or perhaps it was just that we had merely read the same paragraph, but I had already intended to have a few words about this in my present article. My own view is, contrary to that of my brother scribe, that the eight-ball over would make a very large amount of difference even in Saturday afternoon cricket. Let us suppose that you bowl 20 overs per hour (I think this is a little under it) and taking a general term of two hours for an innings, you get 40 overs which equal 240 balls under the present system. Under the new scheme you would get 30 overs and would save 10 changes over, (which comes somewhere about a minute or more,) as against the time you take to send down two balls, which is infinitely less. I will admit that possibly you would only save 10 minutes per innings, but even so, how many matches are there in which an extra 10 minutes would have made the difference between a draw and a definite decision?

As we know it is going to come into English cricket in 1939, and as our next season will take place very largely in 1939, I should like to see it tried out here from the very beginning, that is from October 1. There is one point upon which I admit I am not sure, and that is whether it would be necessary for us to refer such alterations to the M.C.C. ahead of the actual adoption of the practice in England. Personally I do not think the M.C.C. would feel very shattered if we do alter the over, but upon this point I am definitely speaking rather in the dark and I am quite prepared to be told I am wrong.

A FULL ACCOUNT

I hope to give a full account of to-morrow's game in the Monday Edition of the Telegraph if my Editor can find room for it.

"Y" LADIES WIN BRAUN CUP HOCKEY MATCH

Score Six Times Against C.B.A.

In a Braun Cup hockey match played yesterday, the "Y" Ladies easily defeated the C.B.A. Ladies, winning by six goals to one.

Miss V. Bradbury was responsible for four goals for the "Y" and Mrs. Williams scored the other two. Miss E. Woolley replied for the C.B.A.

GROUND FIXED

The play-off between the Hongkong Ladies and the St. Andrew's Ladies will be played on the "Y" ground to-morrow at 3 p.m.

It was inadvertently stated by "The Pilgrim" in yesterday's notes that Mrs. S. Gardner was Hon. Secretary of the "Y" Ladies. It has now been pointed out that Mrs. Gardner no longer holds that post. Miss J. Lake-man is the present Hon. Secretary.

I have been willing to play. It was decided to make a grant for the purchase of miniature flags, bearing the name of the Association, to be presented to every club members played against.

ALL SET FOR THE GRAND NATIONAL

Women Owners Optimistic

London, Mar. 24. The European crisis and shortage of ready cash did not seem to affect the Grand National, for which reason racegoers are coming from all over the world to the world's most thrilling horse race.

One railway company is running 52 special trains to convey 30,000 men and women from London, Swansea, Edinburgh and Liverpool. Many travellers are going by air over 20 air liners, some from the Continent. It is expected that shipping companies will make special arrangements. The liner Isle de France is stopping specially at Plymouth. The liner Duchess of York is delaying sailing to Canada.

If the glorious spring weather continues to hold, there should be the usual crowd of 250,000. Nine women owners hope to be successful. Heading the list is Mrs. Evans, a former famous actress, Camille Clifford, who recently purchased Royal Mail here.

There is also a lot of small money on the Duchess of Norfolk's Hurdy-gurdy Man, which has taken the fancy of small betters.

No risk is being taken on the favourite, Blue Shirt, which is closely guarded until the race. The going is likely to be very firm.—Reuter Special.

FINAL CALL-OVER

Blue Shirt Firmly Installed At Top

London, Mar. 24. The final call-over has re-established Blue Shirt as the favourite for the Grand National. The latest prices are:

100/15 Blue Shirt (t and o)
100/12 Coolen (o), 8/1 (t)
100/9 Delachance (o), 12/1 (t)
100/7 Royal Mail (t and o)
18/1 Takvor Pacha (t and o)
20/1 Dunhill Castle (t and o)
22/1 Frodovalva (t and o)
25/1 Stalbridge Park (t and o)
28/1 Alread Sles (t and o)
30/1 Bachelor Prince (t and o)
31/1 Royal Danelli (t and o)
33/1 Workman (t and o)
33/1 Dominicks Cross (t and o)
33/1 Rockkulla (t and o)
33/1 Red Knight (t and o)
40/1 Lough Collage (t and o)
40/1 Inverisble (t and o)
45/1 Battleship (t and o)
50/1 Forberbie (t and o)
50/1 Poned (t and o)
50/1 Brighter Cottage (t and o)
50/1 Cabin Fire (t and o)
50/1 Didoric (o)
60/1 Rocklad (t and o)
60/1 Blue Prince (t and o)
80/1 Tapinosa (t and o)
100/1 Forberbie (t and o)
100/1 Dawmar (t and o)
100/1 Frodovalva (t and o)
100/1 Hopetide (t and o)
100/1 What Have You (t and o)
100/1 K. D. H. (t and o)
100/1 Emancipator (t and o)
100/1 Lazy Boots (t and o)
100/1 Hurdy-gurdy Man (t and o)
200/1 Drim (t and o)

CERTAIN RUNNER

London, Mar. 24. It is now stated that Coolen will be a certain runner in the Grand National.—Reuter.

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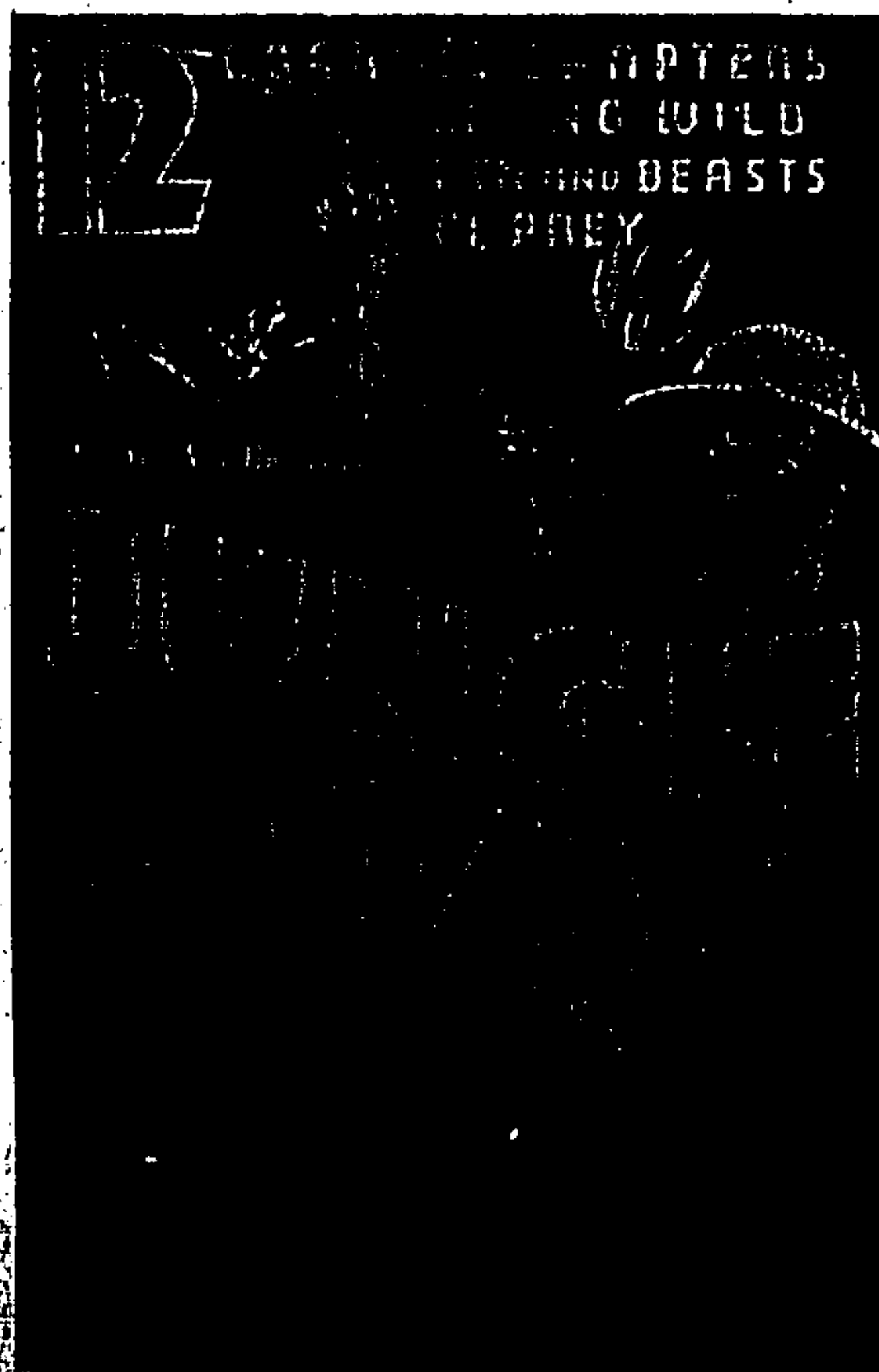
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SPLENDID BOXING WITNESSED

Enthusiastic Fights In
Novices Finals

As was anticipated, and as was expressed by Major General A. W. Bartholomew, the General Officer Commanding, at the conclusion of the Inter-Unit Novices boxing finals at Murray Barracks last night, good, keen and interesting boxing had been witnessed. What was lacking in technique was more than compensated for in enthusiasm.

The Royal Scots won the competition by 23 points to 22, which is itself sufficient indication of the keenness with which every bout was fought. In the Middlesex and Royal Scots Regiments, the Colony and Army boxing has found worthy successors to the Royal Ulster Rifles and Welch Fusiliers. These sentiments were expressed by Major General A. W. Bartholomew prior to the distribution of the prizes.

RESULTS

The results were:
Bantam.—Bds. Halley (R.Scots) beat Pte. Panting (M'sex).
1st String Featherweight.—Pte. Crale (R. Scots) beat L/Cpl. Collier (M'sex).
2nd String Featherweight.—Pte. Todgood (R. Scots) beat Pte. Barrett (M'sex).
1st String Lightweight.—Pte. Hobson (M'sex) beat Pte. Robertson (R. Scots).
2nd String Lightweight.—Pte. McDonald (R. Scots) beat L/Cpl. Moggeridge (M'sex).
3rd String Lightweight.—Pte. 40 Miller (R. Scots) beat Pte. Cheekfield (M'sex).
2nd String Welterweight.—Pte. Eaton (M'sex) beat L/Cpl. Barker (R. Scots).
3rd String Welterweight.—Pte. McBain (R. Scots) beat Pte. Howe (M'sex).
4th String Welterweight.—Pte. Sharkey (R. Scots) beat L/Cpl. Goodale (M'sex).
1st String Middleweight.—L/Cpl. Harris (M'sex) beat Pte. Gibb (R. Scots).
2nd String Middleweight.—Dmr. Webster (M'sex) beat L/Cpl. Huntley (R. Scots).
3rd String Middleweight.—Pte. Sowersby (R. Scots) beat Pte. Foakes (M'sex).
Lightweight.—Pte. Larkin (R. Scots) beat Pte. Fox (M'sex).
Catchweight.—Pte. Izzard (M'sex) received walk-over from Pte. McNally (R. Scots).
1st String Welterweight.—Pte. Milroy (M'sex) beat Pte. McGreevy (R. Scots).
R. Scots 23 points. Middlesex 22 points.

POPULAR CHAIRMAN

Mr. Cheung Man-kuen
Elected By C.A.A.F.

Mr. Cheung Man-kuen, of the Eastern Athletic Association, was elected chairman of the Hongkong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation.



Mr. Cheung Man-kuen

At the annual meeting on Tuesday, Mr. Cheung has been a member of the South China Athletic Association committee for several years and has served as secretary since July, 1936. He is also a member of the committee of the Chung Shing Benevolent Society, and has been chairman of the Hongkong Chinese Civil Servants' Club for the past three years.

K.C.C. TEAM

The following have been chosen to represent the Kowloon Cricket Club seniors against the Middlesex to-morrow at home at 2 p.m.—F. Goodwin (Capt.), D. J. N. Anderson, K. M. Baxter, R. T. Broadbridge, S. J. R. E. Lee, B. D. Lay, T. A. Madar, W. Mulcahy, A. E. Perry, C. B. R. Sargent, Umpire, J. P. Robinson.



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KONGMUN HANDICAP

(Continued from Page 8.)

entered for this event, but I much regret that I had to give up the search as a hopeless job and I therefore strongly recommend punters to follow the ranking list of the official handicapper's allotment of the lead. Incidentally the second leg of the quiny double is on this race and it will not be a matter of surprise to see the carrying over of the pool to next meeting. The book of form shows that Golden Cow and Lucky Eleven have each earned some good stake-money and rightly or wrongly, the weight adjuster has bracketed these two steeds with 168 lbs. In looking over the handicap, I found that there are quite a few racers under the 150 lbs. and it has been whispered to me that All Baba is good to follow. I am sure Cape Comorin and Charybdis will carry all the big money; the latter has been knocking the door since February. It will be one of the best events.

LAST EVENT

The meeting will terminate with a good "C" class event among the China ponies over a mile. King's Lead, who was disqualified for not drawing the proper weight after running to a second place in the Hongkong Handicap "B" division, has the same amount of lead to carry, but the winner, Commencement Bay, has been penalised 13 lbs. and he has something to think about. However, I fancy King's Bounty on a firm going and Bright View is my choice on a heavy course.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 26th March, 1938, commencing at 2.00 p.m.
The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27784) will close at 12.15 p.m.
Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered from the No. 1 Box in advance. Telephone 21920.

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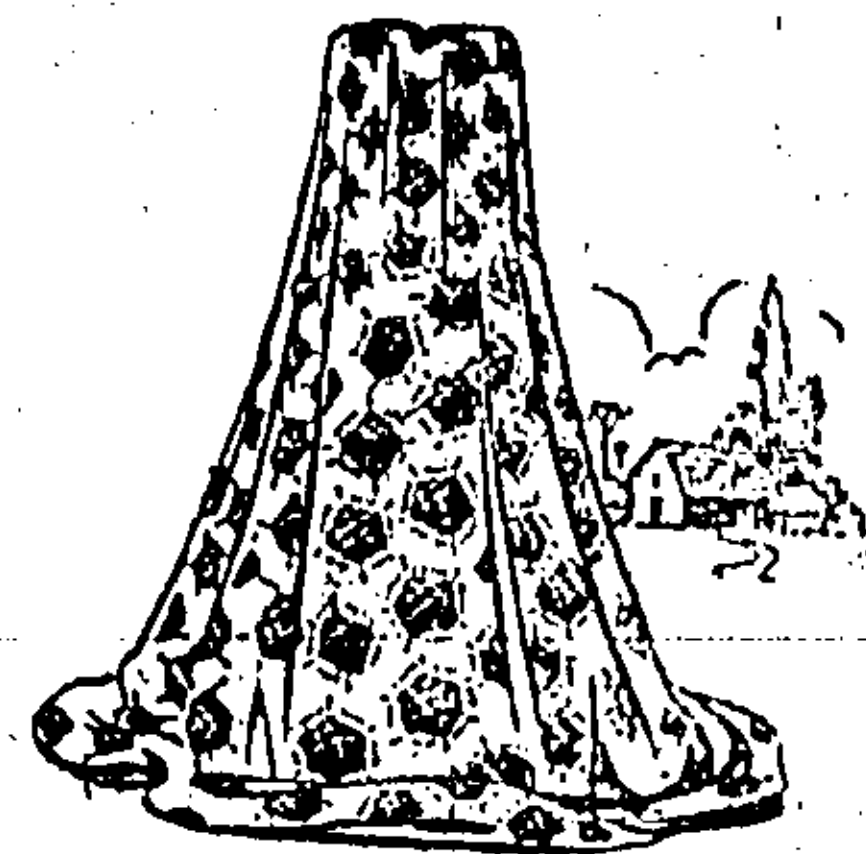
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Get your Mind Clear about this Colonies Business

THE most disturbing feature in the controversy upon the Colonial Problem, as it is called, is the light-hearted manner in which major difficulties are ignored.

Proposals of an extraordinary character are made, supported by loosely-worded arguments, which, collectively, run something like the following:—

"As Great Britain owns the larger part of Africa, and as the former German colonies were taken mainly by Britain, the League of Nations should arrange for the British Government to surrender to Germany most of her mandated territories, coupled with other colonies, as a final and complete satisfaction of Germany's demands!"

Those who argue along such lines forget that Great Britain does not possess a single mile of mandated territory, for Germany surrendered her colonies, not to the Mandatory Powers, but to the League of Nations, but to the Allied and Associated Powers, including America, whose Government at Washington has placed on formal record that no fundamental change must take place without her consent.

All that Britain possesses is a Charter for the administration of the territories. The sovereignty could only be varied by the Powers composing the Versailles Conference.

★ ANOTHER absurdity is the argument that Britain owns the larger part of Africa. The fact is that, while Britain has under her possession and protection—which is a very different thing from owning—only 2,355,750 square miles, France has 3,816,979 square miles!

The starting point for any consideration of Germany's claim should be a frank recognition of the main facts, the first of which is that any territorial solution is hedged about by so many difficulties that initial action ought to be a fact-finding Commission.

The first fact which has to be established is the nature of the demand. Not only Germany, but Poland, has also made it known that she will advance a claim for colonies when the German claim is considered.

The German claim is not the one generally supposed, namely, for the return of all her former colonies. To be quite fair to Germany, she has never made any secret of this vital fact.

★ HERR HITLER, Dr. Goebbels and Dr. Goebbels have repeatedly laid it down that Germany must have colonies which provide for the following:—

(a) The six basic raw materials:—Iron, coal, copper, petroleum, rubber, cotton.

(b) Colonial territories capable of absorbing German white population.

None of the Mandated territories.

To-day's Thought

THIS world surely is wide enough to hold both thee and me.—LAURENCE STERNE.



"They have taken all our Colonies away from us," reads this map of East Africa, formerly German, on which children in a German school stick toy animals and factories.

teries supplies any iron, coal, copper or petroleum. It is true that rubber can be produced—but, alas, only at a price!

Nobody knows better than the advisers of Herr Hitler, that the former German colonies were incapable of absorbing Germany's redundant population.

During the period of German colonialism about two million people left Germany. Of these, fewer than 10,000 (apart from some petty officials, travellers, and others) settled in the German colonies.

It is for this reason that Germany is demanding other colonies suited to German colonialism.

It is not merely that German official pronouncements imply a different type of colonial territory; the powerful German Colonial Society, which is a semi-official body, with a large membership, has been even more frank than the official spokesmen.

Its declaration of policy runs as follows:—"It is absolutely necessary that all colonies possessed by Germany before the war must be restored, and not only restored, but with additional territory." (Italics mine.)

The constant complaint made by Germany before the war was that her million square miles of colonies were almost useless to her for either economic or colonisation purposes.

The result of these representations was that Britain became involved in the secret treaty which so delighted the Kaiser and Bethmann Hollweg, under which Britain agreed to support Germany's attempt to obtain certain territories. This feature of cardinal importance is set forth in the Grey-Goschen-Bethmann Hollweg conversations and correspondence.

Herr Hitler has been holding up to some ridicule these who refer to colonies as "burdens."

★ GERMANY had better reasons than most nations for knowing how heavy is the burden of colonial territory. In the German archives can be found the most illuminating evidence of this.

We have been told by Professor Bonn, a German whose authority none would question, that during one period of 12 years Germany

says
SIR JOHN HARRIS

who has visited most of the former German Colonies. He is author of several books on Colonial and foreign questions, including "Germany's Lost Colonial Empire."

found the burden of governing native races so heavy that the imperial subvention amounted to just over £70,000,000; and the last complete year for which any figures are available gives the imperial subvention for that year as £5,340,500, of which it is interesting to note that German East Africa alone absorbed over £2,000,000.

Much has been written about the German ill-treatment of the native inhabitants of these territories. It is hardly true that few nations can throw stones at others in this respect.

★ GERMAN writers have frankly admitted that Germany was no exception. Many quotations could be made, and of a distressing nature, including those of German writers. Professor Bonn said, with reference to one German colonial territory: "We tried it (the creation of a new Germany in Africa) and produced a huge native rising, causing the loss of much treasure and many lives. We tried to assume to ourselves the functions of Providence, and we tried to exterminate a native race whom our lack of wisdom had goaded into rebellion."

We know from official figures that wars on the natives in S.W. Africa cost Germany approximately £20,000,000.

However much white races may wish to forget these unpleasant facts, the natives do not.

Then, within the last twenty years, great changes have taken place in native mentality; the advance of education, the rapidity of transport, and the wireless have all combined to give them a wide knowledge of world affairs—an advance that is well-nigh incredible, except to those who have watched the movement closely during this period.

This, in turn, has led to the evolution of existing native Parliaments, and to the creation of others.

It would thus be almost impossible now to dispose either of a mandated area or a British or a French Protectorate without an impartial inquiry into the attitude and wishes of the inhabitants.

The most complicated difficulties leap to the eye the moment one begins to think of any specific territory. For example, the country which figures most frequently in the Press of the world is the former "German East Africa," popularly known as Tanganyika.

★ THIS territory, which is nearly twice the size of France, includes in it the Belgian mandated area, in which there are two kingdoms with native rulers, and populations of one and a half and two million people respectively.

That is, in these two small states, there are nearly as many people under the Belgian Mandate as in the whole of the territory under the British Mandate!

Nobody seems to have realised that the political status of these territories can be changed only with the collective consent of Belgium, the Allied and Associated Powers, and the powerful rulers of these states, altogether apart from European complications!

The intricate territorial problems which apply to East Africa, apply in turn to each of the other mandated areas, whether under Japan, France, Belgium, or South Africa.

If the Powers could come together in a Colonial Conference, armed with the results of a "fact-finding" Commission, and liberated from the delusion that there is no other solution than a crude territorial one, then much might be accomplished.

The basis of such Conference should be an acceptance of the old British doctrine that colonies have nothing to lose but everything to gain from international co-operation in development, coupled with trusteeship for the inhabitants. That way lies the real solution of both the Colonial Problem and an enduring peace.

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Chapter II

"Good evening, Monsieur et Madame Courtols! So nice of you to pay us a visit in our own... ah... room!"

Mikail hopped through the window with great agility as he said this, helping Tatiana over the sill, and going on before his landlord could have time to reply. "Her Highness and I are extremely sorry we were out when you came! We were participating in your celebration of the... or... fall of the Bastille! It was so charming, was it not, my darling?"

"Ah, yes, yes," gushed Tatiana, not needing his wink for her cue, "Yes—the music—the dancing—the gaiety—"

"Enough of that," growled Courtols, "I want the eighty francs you owe me! I want my rent!"

"My good man..." began Tatiana, ingratiatingly.

"Don't you 'my good man' me! I don't want words! I want my money!"

"Monsieur Courtols, you are a goodly man—and you, Madame, are a goodly woman! Your kindness to us entitles you to a great reward!" Tatiana noted her words were having a gracious effect on the old lady who dearly loved royalty. She went on: "Therefore, I have decided to confer on you the title of Count and Countess! Henceforth you will be known as the Count and Countess of—of—Coulmand!"

"You made me a Count last week—and then borrowed twenty francs!" growled Courtols.

"Then you shall be elevated!" Tatiana cried, "You shall be Duke and Duchess!"

"Really, a Duchess?" inquired Madame, beaming at the thought. She pleaded with her husband so ardently that he at last consented to kneel with her and have the titles of Duke and Duchess conferred. The moment after, however, he arose crying fiercely, "But just remember—a Duke or not—you two still pay me my eighty francs to-morrow—or out you go! Come on, Duchess!"

After the old couple went Tatiana had an intimate talk with Mikail about what they still had left that could be sold! Not the sword of Alexander III! Not the flag of the Imperial Guard! Not the lion! At the height of the discussion Mikail decided that for the moment, bed was best!

"Darling, darling, darling!" cried Tatiana ecstatically, as they embraced. "How good it is to be Russian!" sighed Mikail. They kissed. "And insane!" added Tatiana. They kissed again. "Life for us is so sweet!" Mikail murmured. "And so beautiful!" whispered Tatiana.

Early the next morning Tatiana—all in the shoddy things that became beautiful when she put them on—went out to get the rent. "I swear by St. Peter and St. Paul, pigeon," she cried gaily, "to bring back eighty-five francs! I shall bring back ninety francs! I shall buy some cutlets of horse and some potatoes, and shall bring back ninety-five francs and two artichokes!"

Mikail, staying in bed, called reverently on the Father of All Living to look the other way, so that he might not see the Grand Duchess Tatiana Petrovna—niece to the Czar—(how Mikail crossed himself) arrested for stealing artichokes. "Nonsense!" cried Tatiana. "I am never arrested! It is the intervention of God—and God is a Russian!" and was gone.

At the door she bumped into two important-looking gentlemen—who proceeded upstairs. They knocked on Mikail's door, and getting no response walked in and found him under the bed-clothes. Apologies on all sides followed—and an introduction which disclosed one of the visitors to be Monsieur Chauffourier-Dubief, Governor of the Bank of France. The other was none other than Count Fedor Andreievich Breckenski, Aide to His Imperial Highness, the only and the one, pretender to the Russian throne.

M. Chauffourier-Dubief—for the benefit of M. Breckenski—explained that His Majesty the Czar, in the dark days before the Revolution and given into Prince Ouratoff's hands the major portion of his gold, instructing him to place it in the Bank of France under his own name till better days! When the Prince returned to Russia he was seized by the Bolsheviks—but later escaped! The funds, with interest, now amounted to the rather neat sum of thirty-nine billion, nine hundred and eighty-three million, two hundred thousand and sixty-two francs, sixty-five centimes!

"And you want me to turn over these funds to the bank of France?" inquired Mikail.

"Yes, Your Highness! His Imperial Highness is ready to reconquer the sacred soil of Russia!" cried Mr. Breckenski impressively, "whenever these funds are forthcoming! And you, Prince Ouratoff, will be the liberator of Russia! The restorer of the Throne..."

"My fortune at the present moment," said Mikail, "is twenty francs! As for the forty billion—it was a crowned Czar, not a pretender who gave it to me! To a crowned Czar only, will I return it!"

At this moment, Tatiana—breathless, frightened and furious—burst into the room and slammed the door—she was immediately bombarded by a grenade, a grocer, three grimy urchins and a crowd of curious on-lookers!

"Mikail!" she shrieked, "St. Christopher has caught me! The police are at the door! Save me, pigeon, save me!"

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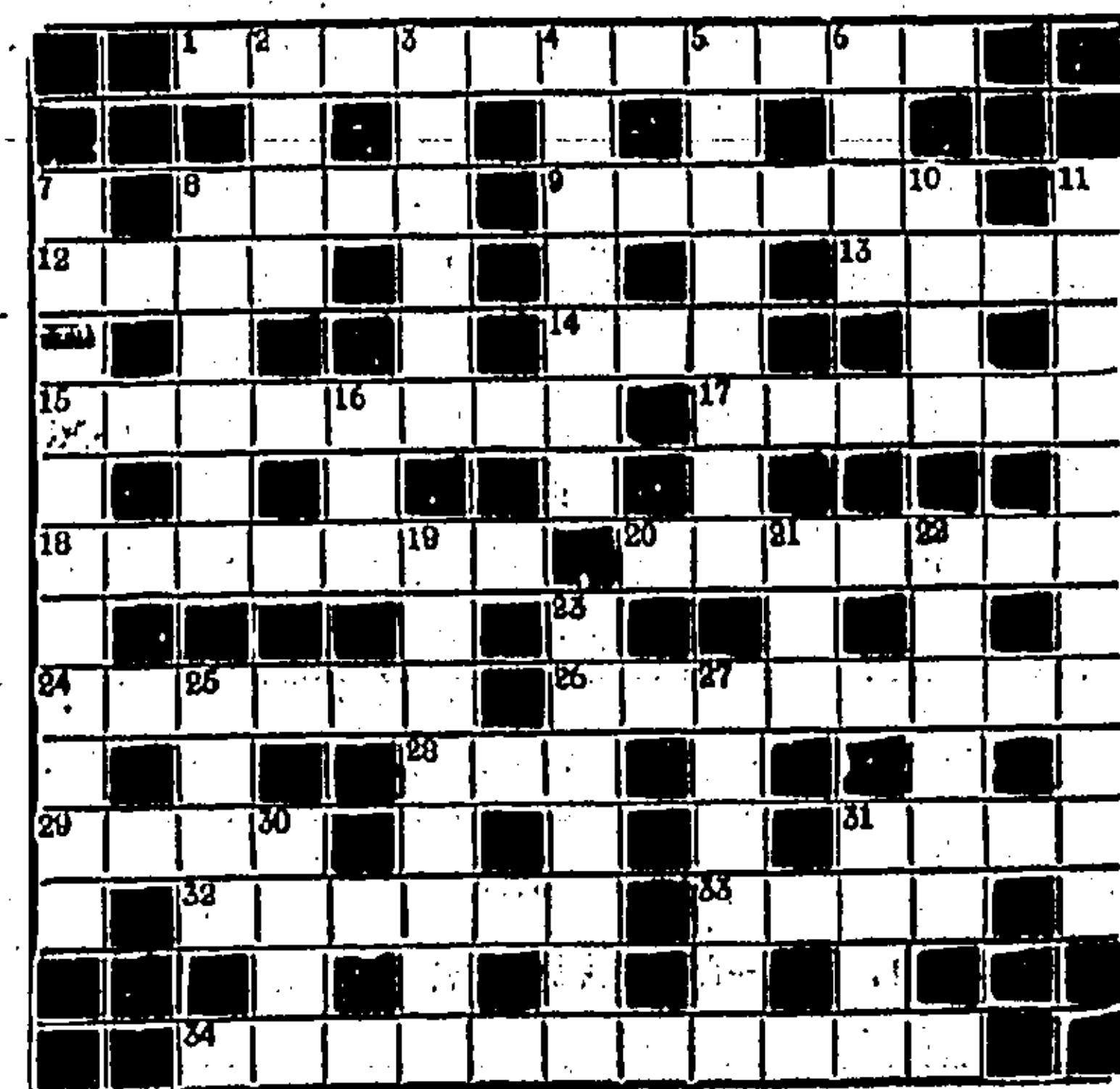
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- 5 This vessel might itself curtail sometimes (4).
- 6 Not quite six of 2 down (3).
- 7 Brave advice that would be wasted on the brave (8).
- 8 The capital end of a famous line (8).
- 9 Heavy enough to make one variation of ours (7).
- 10 Alley (7).
- 11 Whereon may be the man whose sole support has gone (6).
- 12 His nippers are hardly likely to annoy butlers (8).
- 13 May be got from a 25 down without the third letter (3).
- 14 Scottish shire (4).
- 15 This may go from half to three-quarters (4).
- 16 The latter part of this pressure may rest on iron (4).
- 17 Not a bad description (4).
- 18 Fancy form of mania I got in (11).

DOWN

- 1 Not quite eight inches (4).
- 2 A chess piece (8).
- 3 Suitable kind of uniform, in which to receive the order of the bath? (7).
- 4 To say this behended to a poor actor might be this (8).
- 5 This is exclusively (4).
- 6 A masterpiece (11).

- 8 A noted stretch (6).
- 10 Most of the transatlantic fliers have elected to face this (4).
- 11 Not a mistake under the mistle toe—it would not go off so quietly (11).
- 12 The only amusement to be had from a flood (3).
- 13 Epithet for the tennis player who was given merely a racket frame to play with? (8).
- 14 This is downcast (3).
- 15 A sailor tramp is obviously not at home (8).
- 16 It is not a round number that gives evening adeco (7).
- 17 Situation that ought to be able to support a man (4).
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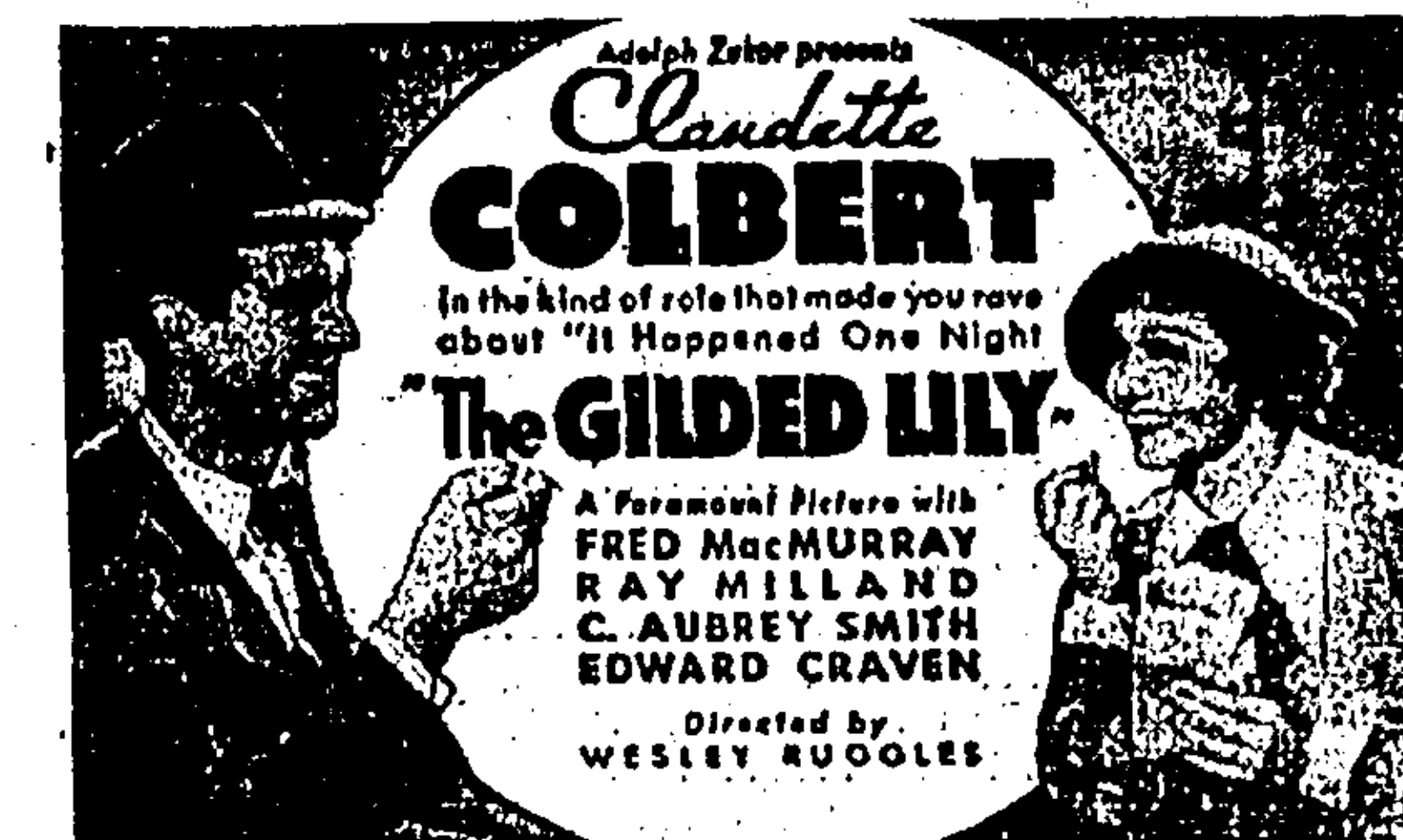
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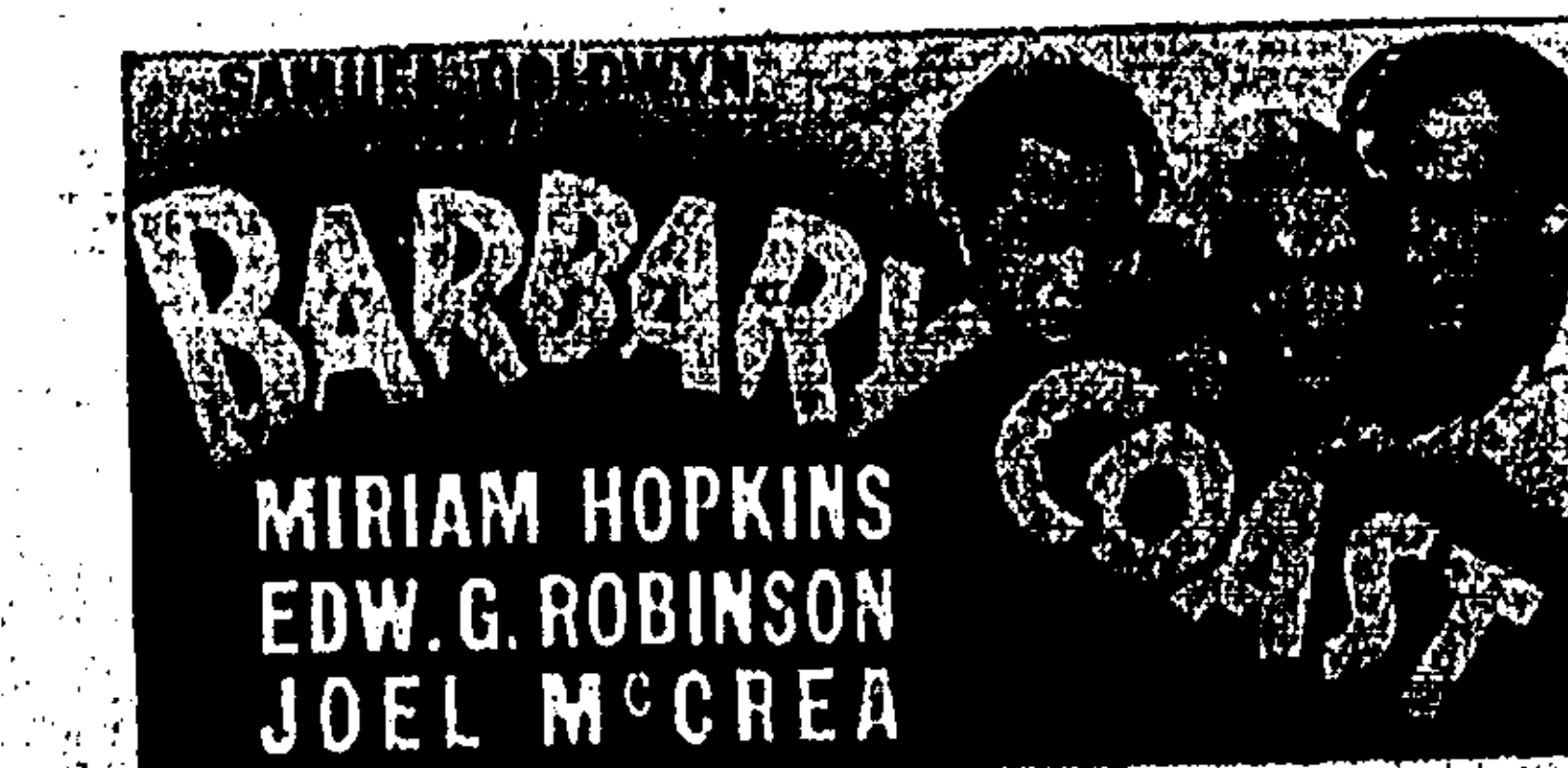


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BRITAIN LOYAL TO TREATY PLEDGES

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dispute, would almost immediately be involved, especially in the case of two countries like Britain and France."

Believes German Assurances

Dealing with the Soviet invitation to a conference of the major democratic powers in Europe, Mr. Chamberlain said that while the Government warmly welcomed any conference representing all the European nations, it was obliged to recognise that no such expectation could be entertained. The conference suggested would aggravate a tendency towards the establishment of exclusive groups, which must be inimical to European peace.

Regarding Czechoslovakia, now was the time when all the resources of diplomacy should be enlisted in the cause of peace. The British Government does not under-rate the assurances given by Germany. The Government observed with satisfaction that the Government of Czechoslovakia was addressing itself to practical steps to meet reasonable wishes of the German minority.

Britain was ready to render any help toward the solution of questions likely to cause difficulty between the German and Czechoslovakian governments. In the meantime, there was no need to assume the use of force, or, indeed, to talk about it. That would only do harm and would interfere with the progress of diplomacy and increase the feeling of insecurity.

Re-Armament Needs

Mr. Chamberlain then turned to Spain, and said he was fully alive to the repeated serious infangements of non-intervention, but they still considered that non-intervention afforded the best means of avoiding a major conflagration. The Italian conversations had been carried a considerable distance, and their results were full of encouragement.

Dealing with the British position, Mr. Chamberlain emphasised the need for the acceleration of re-armament, especially in the Air Force and anti-aircraft defences. Re-armament, he said, must have priority in the nation's effort. Nevertheless, armaments alone were not a sure guarantee of peace, and he earnestly hoped it was yet possible to arrive at a reasonable balance of armaments by agreement, instead of free and unlimited competition.

There was no division at the end of the debate on Mr. Chamberlain's speech, and the Bill on which the discussion had taken place, passed unchallenged, amid loud ministerial cheers.

Sir John Simon's Appeal

Sir John Simon, in winding up the debate for the Government, said that its policy was that, at whatever cost, it must make the country safe by making it strong. They believed this was the best guarantee of peace.

"We are making no threats, but we show, and invite the country to show, determination, which is all the more impressive because it is the determination of a free people."

"This policy calls for co-operation from each according to the help he can bring, and we appeal for the goodwill and help of all. In view of the issues at stake, we are confident that that goodwill and help will be forthcoming." (Loud Ministerial Cheers).—*Reuter*.

DECLARES RUSSIA ANXIOUS

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there were \$300,000,000 worth circulating in North China.

Mr. Sun Fo said he hoped to stay in England for three or four weeks to see the Prime Minister to renew acquaintances with Sir Alexander Cadogan, Sir Arthur Leith Ross and Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen. He may go on to America, but that is not yet decided.—*Reuter*.

U.S. Treasury Worries By Big Spending

Washington, Mar. 24.

Not revealing the exact amount anticipated, although it is believed to be in the neighbourhood of \$730,000,000, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary to the Treasury, to-day disclosed that income taxes so far "might run between \$20,000,000 and \$30,000,000 below our estimate." However, he said, the March receipts were well above last year's \$700,000,000.

Due to the deficiency in collections, Mr. Morgenthau said they would have to borrow another \$50,000,000 through a weekly bill series, scheduled to mature in June. Meanwhile the budget "bugaboo" was haunting the Treasury, as for example, the taxpayers' fiscal contributions were pouring in at an average of \$17,000,000 daily, while the Government was spending at an average of \$20,700,000 daily.—*United Press*.

Japan To Talk With Hawaii By Telephone

Tokyo, Mar. 24.

The radio telephone between here and Honolulu will be formally inaugurated on March 25, the Ministry of Communications announced to-day.

The opening ceremony to-morrow at noon will include exchanges of greetings between Mr. Joseph Grew, American Ambassador in Tokyo, and Mr. Joseph B. Poindexter, Governor General of Hawaii, and between Mr. Seijiro Yoshizawa, Director of the Foreign Office's American Affairs Bureau, and Mr. Kosaku Mizusawa, Japanese Consul-General in Honolulu.

The charge for a three-minute conversation will be yen 45.—*Reuter Special*.

STOP PRESS NEWS

HOPE TO AVOID NEW CRISIS

Paris, Mar. 25.

Hope that a Government crisis would not materialise was raised late last night when there were indications of the determination of the Government majority not to yield to what is described as "the Senate's attempt at blackmail."

According to reliable sources Mr. Leon Blum doesn't intend to resign but will engage in battle with the Senate on the second financial bill, which has already passed the Senate.—*Reuter*.

JAPANESE ADVANCE IN NORTH KIANGSU

Shanghai, Mar. 25.

The Japanese troops, numbering about 1,000 who recently landed at Nantunghow on the north bank of the Yangtze River in Kiangsu, have occupied Jukao, a town north-west, and are preparing to attack Haimen, to the south-east.

The Chinese forces at Jukao withdrew after putting up a stiff resistance.—*Central News*.

FURIOUS FIGHTING IN SHANTUNG

Hsichow, Mar. 25.

Furious fighting continued yesterday on the east bank of the Yi River, where the Japanese troops launched another counter-offensive.

With the arrival of heavy reinforcements, including some mechanised units, the Japanese troops counter-attacked the Chinese at Tangtuchen and Lichihua north of Lini. The Chinese put up stubborn resistance and inflicted heavy casualties on the attackers.

An unconfirmed report states that the Chinese have been withdrawn to the west bank of the Yi River in the face of a concerted attack of Japanese land and air forces to avoid unnecessary losses.—*Central News*.

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Stripes are highspot for SPORTS SUITS



ROBB AND LUCY MILNER, in Paris to report the new spring dress shows, give you to-day another highspot of the new designs.

But one show does not make a fashion. To pretend to give you, before all the shows have been compared, a practical guide to what you will wear this spring would be misleading. Their summing-up, when the last show is over, will begin shortly.

Here is Lucy Milner's second bulletin.—Stripes seem to be taking front place for sports suits this spring, but more often than not they only make half of the suit, leaving the skirt or the jacket plain.

This jacket is in bamboo beige whipcord, with a very narrow roll collar, squared shoulders and plain sleeves.

New points about it, which appeared on several other coats, were its length, reaching well down over the hips, and the fact that it didn't even meet, let alone fasten, but was just held together at the waist by a narrow brown belt.

Two pockets were slit in vertically below the belt. Blouse was made of brown de silk, printed with beige circles; skirt was brown tweed with narrow beige stripes, cut straight in front, box-pleated at centre back.

DINNER for FOUR

Tomatoes in Cocottes.
Stuffed Halibut. Spinach. Mashed Potatoes.
Fried Potatoes. Celery Biscuits.

APPETISER—Take a tomato for each person and butter some cocottes. Cut each tomato into three slices and put a little shredded onion and a spoonful of mince between each slice. Arrange strips of bacon across the top and bake in a moderate oven (Regulo Mark 5) for 20 minutes.

FISH—Take two thin halibut steaks about 12oz. each, and put one in a buttered fireproof dish. Spread with a herb forcemeat and put the other steak on top. Pour over a small tin of vegetable soup and bake in a moderate oven (Regulo Mark 5) for 35 minutes.

SWEET—Well butter a cake tin 5½ in. by 3½ in. Sprinkle thickly inside with brown sugar and fine breadcrumbs, so that it is well coated. Fill up with 1½ lb. sliced apples mixed with sugar, a few breadcrumbs, and about 2oz. butter cut into small pieces. Cover top with breadcrumbs and moisten with a very little water. Bake in a moderate oven (Regulo Mark 5) for 1 hour. Turn out and sprinkle with castor sugar.

SAVOURY—Pile cream cheese mixed with whipped cream, chopped celery, salt, pepper and cayenne on top of cheese biscuits. Dust with paprika, and put a celery leaf in each.

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Domestic Problems

IN due course they get married. And then the party starts. The wife is appalled at the difficulty of finding servants. She feels the tradesman are laughing at her inexperience. Her small domestic failures give her a deep sense of her inefficiency. Her clothes start to get shabby and old fashioned. She is going to have a baby, and the night she decides to tell her husband, he is 40 minutes late for dinner. Obvious male selfishness! She gets angry, and starts nagging, although she hates wives who nag. She is unhappy.

Not Particular

HE is away at the office all day, and he looks forward to getting home. After a little while he wonders why he doesn't get just what he wants. He wonders why she no longer likes to go out in the evening, why she is upset if he brings his friends in to an impromptu supper; he even notices that she is not quite so particular about her appearance as she used to be.

Home Truths

HERE, in fact, is the complete scene laid for an imperial bust-up. And it is all so completely unnecessary if any two people who are getting married would only realise a few home truths in advance.

First, marriage without a good deal of money needs as much, if not more, skill as to how much cheaper it is planning as any other business enterprise. Love in a cottage is grand extravagant, most of their married so long as the rent and the food and the washing and a few million more things can be paid for.

A young married man's bank account is apt to be a small portion of money entirely surrounded by creditors. If this aspect is thought of before marriage, it becomes an adventure. If it is thought of afterwards, it becomes an unavoidable bogymen.

Sense of Humour

SECONDLY, Laughter is the most important matrimonial attribute. Love in a cottage without a sense of humour is like trying to play ice hockey in a gravel pit. You fall down. One man I know left his wife because the cook gave notice. He now lives in rooms by himself.

Another man I know, in similar circumstances, dressed up as a butler and served bacon and eggs with great pomp and ceremony. He has just become a happy grandparent.

Give-And-Take

THIRDLY, and lastly, in case you feel I am becoming a bore, there is an old rule in marriage called Give-and-Take. Give what you think your husband or wife will appreciate particularly; take what you know they will enjoy giving. Love, after all, is a fairly usual sort of plant. In the thin soil of a cottage garden, it needs more attention than in a Hollywood hot-house.

In fact, Love in a Cottage is grand if you're the right sort of people, and it's the right sort of cottage.

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Toasted Sandwich

HERE'S an unusual filling for a hot sandwich made from the remains of the cold joint. Heat pieces of the meat in the frying-pan with a little dripping, some chopped onion, a moistening of gravy and a dash of ketchup. Sandwich between hot buttered toast.

Minced chicken and ham, heated in a good thick sauce containing a dash of curry powder, is surprisingly good, while cooked cauliflower mixed with grated cheese and heated in white sauce is another appetising idea. Small pieces of bacon, chopped kidney, and some skinned tomato all fried together is a further suggestion.

THEN there's the Mixed Club Sandwich which, with its several layers of hot toast and varied fillings, makes a substantial meal at almost a moment's notice.

Lightly butter three slices of hot toast and on top of the first put a few small leaves from the heart of a lettuce which have been lightly tossed in mayonnaise, together with some cooked chicken cut into small dice.

Add the next piece of toast, covering it with freshly grilled slices of bacon, and another lettuce leaf. Now add the last slice of toast, and for the open-top finish with slices of tomato and a little mayonnaise. D. K.

Six Ways with Potatoes

KNOWLEDGE of other people's ways is very useful in the kitchen. Here, for instance, are some simple "foreign" ways with potatoes, which lend variety to the serving of our staple vegetable.

To make a French potato mould butter a plain round mould and coat with brown breadcrumbs. Slice thinly eight peeled potatoes and three ounces of Gruyere cheese. Fill the mould with alternate layers, beginning with potato and sprinkling each layer with salt, pepper, and a little melted butter. Bake in a moderate oven for half an hour and turn out on a hot dish.

Turkish Croquettes

To each half-pound of mashed potato add one ounce of melted butter, one teaspoonful tomato ketchup, one dessertspoonful anchovy essence, one beaten egg yolk, and salt and pepper. When cold, form into little cakes, coat with egg and breadcrumbs, and fry in hot fat.

For German stuffed potatoes bake six large potatoes in a slow oven. When soft, cut one end off each and remove the pulp, leaving the shell intact.

Mash the pulp and add two ounces of melted butter, two egg yolks, two tablespoonfuls of cream (or warm milk), salt and pepper, and, lastly, two tablespoonfuls of grated Parmesan cheese. Fill the potato cases, sprinkle with cheese, and bake in a moderate oven for 20 minutes.

Lyonnais Potatoes

Boil one pound of potatoes in their skins, being careful not to overcook them. Peel them and slice thinly across the potatoes. Fry them a pale golden brown in hot butter or lard. Keep them hot while frying a quarter-pound of thinly-sliced onions, also to a golden brown. It spoils the flavour of the dish to brown them more. Mix the onions and potatoes carefully. Sprinkle with pepper, salt, and finely-chopped parsley. Serve very hot.

Here is a tasty Swedish salad:—To each breakfastful of diced cooked potatoes add two tablespoonfuls of chopped celery, one tablespoonful of chopped mixed nuts, and sufficient French dressing to moisten.

Hungarian Stew

Fry two chopped onions, without browning, in a generous ounce of butter. Add two peeled and chopped tomatoes and six thickly sliced potatoes. Barely cover with a light stock, and simmer gently for half an hour. Season and serve with a sprinkling of chopped parsley. E. E. M.



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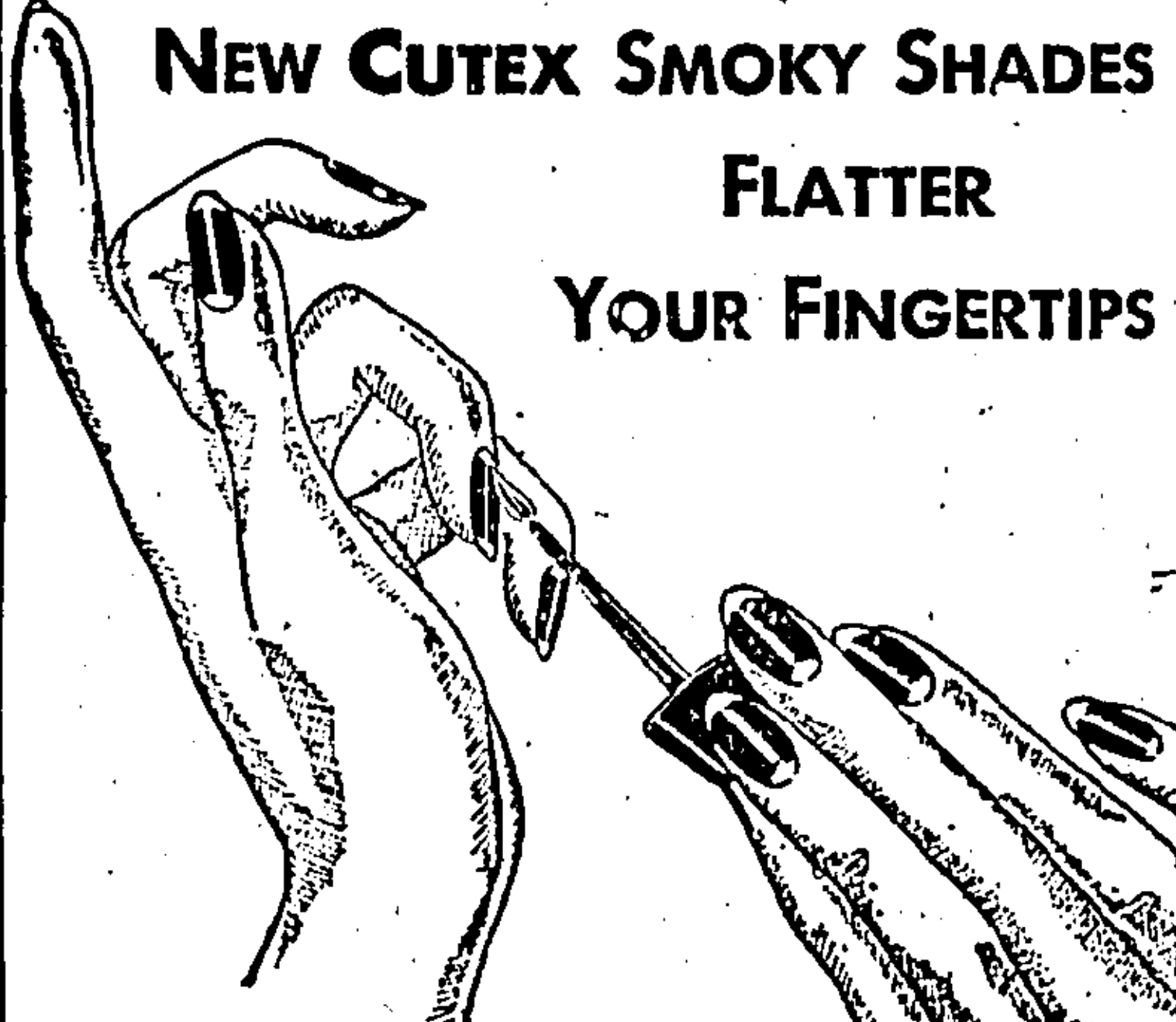
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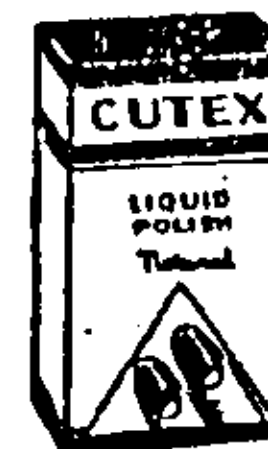
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The income was the largest in the Company's history and amounted to £2,607,285. The assets increased by £2,312,345 and amounted to £31,580,707. Bonds comprised £16,284,339 as follows: Government and Government Guaranteed £9,754,315; Municipal and other Public Body Securities £4,622,000; Public Utility Bonds £2,318,183, and other Corporate Bonds £1,389,831. First mortgages on real estate amounted to £2,341,020, of which £4,034,657, is on urban properties and £1,307,100, on farms. Investments in preferred and common stocks amounted to £1,562,169.

Payments to policyholders and beneficiaries totalled £2,747,783. Of such payments the sum of £1,877,943 was paid to living policyholders, including £870,597 in dividends, while £869,840 was paid beneficiaries in death claims.

Policy and annuity reserves increased to £26,094,104. The reserve for dividends to policyholders amounted to £945,205. The contingency reserve has been increased £20,548 to £431,007, while the unassigned surplus was increased £85,018 to £769,095.

SOUTH CHINA OFFICE

The Company has 75 Branches all over the world, including all the principal outposts of the British Empire. The Chief Office for South China is at Shell House under the management of Mr. E. J. R. Mitchell, ably assisted by a number of expert Life Insurance Underwriters who are able to give the best advice and service to all policyholders and prospective clients. The Company is also able to service all policyholders going on leave who wish to pay their premiums through any of the Great Britain Offices of the Company.

Advice will be freely given to anyone regarding their life insurance irrespective of whether they are policyholders of the Company or not. The agents of the Company are specially trained to show to the public the advantages of income settlements to their beneficiaries rather than lump sum payments. These income settlements are available under any policy sold by the Company who are willing to point out the advantages to anyone desirous of availing themselves of the opportunity.

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T.T. Shanghai	104 1/4
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4 m/s D/c do.	1/3 3/32
4 m/s L/c U.S.A.	31 1/4
4 m/s France	105 1/4
30 d/s Indian	83 1/4
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.08 1/4
U.S. Cross rate in New York	1/16 1/4

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph.

NOT EXTENDED

Sir,—I have been a resident of Hongkong for five years. Although a Japanese by birth and in sentiments, I am greatly annoyed by a letter which appeared in your Paper of March 23. While sharing my fellow countryman's patriotism and agreeing with him that the Japanese Army in China has been and will continue to be invincible, may I point out to the readers of the Telegraph that minor reverses in a protracted campaign are matters of utter insignificance and that our best troops and our most formidable Navy have hardly taken part in this war, which is by no means taxing our full strength. Japan is a first-class power. She has no need whatsoever to call upon her crack troops to face another first-class power or combination of powers will she then display her real and potential power. The West will know Japan better when that unfortunate eventuality comes.

May I also point out that our diplomatic and military spokesmen have repeatedly told the world that Japan has no real territorial ambition in China, but that knowing her position in the Orient she is determined to prevent China from becoming a communist or a part of Soviet Russia. If Europe and America could only understand the Far Eastern situation a little better and see things in a detached manner, they ought to feel grateful to Japan for what she is attempting to do in China instead of helping China to prolong the war by supplying her with armaments. As a true friend and a great admirer of the English people, I should be most disappointed in England if she insisted on misunderstanding Japan, who was once her ally and friend. It is high time that the West take cognizance of the fact that Japan occupies a special position in the Far East and that the East is destined by Divine Will to be ruled by Orientals themselves. I thank you for the space given to me in your paper.

FAITH IN CHINA

Sir,—I read without little difference a letter published on Wednesday. Does the writer realise that Japan has not yet defeated China, and that the orthodox method of occupying cities hundreds of miles apart means no conquest of a vast and spanning country?

Chiang Kai-shek's soldiers gave way because of shorter firing range, nothing short of that fact. China has faith in the strategy and acumen of her Generals, because they are more practical and advanced than those of the invader's best General, number three or two or one.

Japan's soldiers are now "trapped" by their own folly, and the fact that they are now facing the surrounding and dividing Chinese soldiers prove that Japan is beginning to lose ground.

Japan's position to herself is nothing but alarming and appalling today, and the past spasmodic efforts to approach for the so-called "better peace for the Orient" if China surrenders attests that Japan fears her own foolish and hasty actions.

Wednesday's writer says that Napoleon would blush with envy because the "Conquering heroes march from one Chinese city to another". Is there any historian who will agree?

Japan's soldiers has yet to cross over the Alps to prove the superiority of her Generals, or to win real decisive victories with boy soldiers only. Can Japan do that? Will she fight China on an equal footing, equal arms and men?

Japan's method of propaganda is to "abuse" losses and reversals but to magnify little unimportant victories . . . a magnificent rule of-

thumb method!
He who laughs last, laughs loudest.
WONG NYE NEE.

Japan's Contribution

Sir,—Not satisfied with the indescribable destructions already done in China, together with the jeopardizing menace of Japanese aggressiveness ever increasing in significance, waris mankind, we still have with us the Rising Sun, a courageous son of the rightness in their present China campaign, in order to deceive local residents once again that their soldiers are destined by Divine Right to be the bravest and greatest soldiers on earth. We also receive denials of Japan's defeats in the northern sector. How interesting! It is regrettable that the truth is always unpleasant and generally not accepted readily by the losers. There have been denials in Japanese headquarters, which has proven most unreliable. This practice amongst the Japanese has become so common that when the truth is told, it is only mildly accepted by a small minority in the world.

We are again told that "the Europeans in Hongkong do not realise that greatness of our soldiers". Unsurprisingly as it is local Europeans, I believe, are fed up of Japanese claims. Fortunately, we, in the twentieth-century could perceive without difficulty the acts committed by divine right soldiers in China is barbarism. This is Japan's contribution to modern civilization.

Under cover of well designed propaganda, sprinkled the world over by their respective agents, Japanese aggression, announced by Prince Konoye, is only to crush the Chiang Kai-shek government. Every effort is made to deny Japan's territorial designs. Plain facts, carefully prepared and submitted for public perusal herewith admitting their soldiers having conquered Peiping, Tientsin, Shanghai, and Nanking and also the soldiers have marched from one Chinese city to another thereby significantly reveal Japan's acquired ambitions. What more evidence do we want? No foreigners by now, I believe, save the insanes believe in Japan's utterances. Yet it is claimed in black and white that Japan's soldiers are for the better for China and the peace on earth and goodwill to mankind.

Japan is not God! She is only another nation, not better than others. So what divinity have her soldiers over things materials? If so claimed, they must be physically immortal and infallible. But, contrary to their claim, Japanese militarists have committed errors. Japan's soldiers have admitted their soldiers dead in battlefields, and Japanese military chiefs have been recalled to Japan for replacement by more capable men. Why? They are only human like others.

Hay Japanese scientists, who noted for their research work, devoted more time and energy to searching the truth of Divine Right along scientific lines, it would have saved Japan's reputation and friendship with other powers, thousands in men, and millions in yen. Greatest and most important of all, it would have saved China's million pitiful souls.

JAPAN'S EXCUSES

Sir,—A true Japanese patriot has endorsed his Consul General's letter and proudly declares that Japanese troops are the best and bravest in the world and have a Divine Right to rule.

Na Japanese soldier can do any wrong—under perfect discipline they have marched from city to city almost without opposition. No casualties can be sustained.

Japan's cannot fail to win any war. Her Navy is supreme and Japanese ships are unsinkable. So much for Japanese propaganda

Japan To Talk With Hawaii By Telephone

Tokyo, Mar. 24.
The radio telephone between here and Honolulu will be formally inaugurated on March 25, the Ministry of Communications announced today.

The opening ceremony to-morrow at noon will include exchanges of greetings between Mr. Joseph Grew, American Ambassador in Tokyo, and Mr. Joseph B. Poindexter, Governor General of Hawaii, and between Mr. Seijiro Yoshizawa, Director of the Foreign Office's American Affairs Bureau, and Mr. Kosaku Mizusawa, Japanese Consul-General at Honolulu.

The charge for a three-minute conversation will be yen 45.—
Reuter Special.

EXCHANGE RATES

	Mar. 21.	Mar. 24.
Paris	102 1/2	102 1/2
Geneva	21.63 1/2	21.64
Berlin	12.37 1/2	12.37 1/2
Athens	547 1/2	547 1/2
Milan	94 1/2	94 1/2
Oslo	19.00	19.00
Copenhagen	22.40	22.40
Stockholm	19.42	19.42
Helsingfors	22.0 1/2	22.0 1/2
Shanghai	1/2 1/4	1/2 1/4
New York	4.00 1/2	4.00 1/2
Vienna	20 1/2	20 1/2
Amsterdam	8.97 1/2	8.97
Prague	142 1/2	142 1/2
Madrid	Nom.	Nom.
Lisbon	110 1/2	110 1/2
Hongkong	1/2 1/2	1/2 1/2
Bombay	1/6 1/4	1/6 1/4
Montreal	4.08 1/2	4.08 1/2
Brussels	23.8 1/2	23.8 1/2
Yokohama	1/11	1/11
Belgrade	210	210
Bucharest	677 1/2	677 1/2
Montevideo	21 1/2	21 1/2
Rio de Janeiro	2 1/2	2 1/2
Silver (Spot)	20 1/2	20 1/2
Silver (forward)	20 1/2	20 1/2
War Loan	101 1/2	101 1/2

—British Wireless.

without which the war would have long been over.

Another aspect of the position is that Japanese excuses are really marvellous. They can explain anything from the sinking of defenceless junks and machine-gunning their crews, bombing civilians, pilfering and pillaging.

It is pity the world cannot understand that Japan is merely acting in self defence and for no other reason.

Y. Z. P.

JAPANESE DENIALS

Sir,—A correspondent wrote in your correspondence column on Wednesday that the news of recent defeats of the Japanese Army in North China is sheer propaganda. The letter is both naive and amusing and seems to invite comments.

He says that the Europeans in Hongkong and the Chinese do not realise that the Japanese soldiers are "the greatest the world has ever seen"; that Napoleon would blush when his achievements are compared with the achievements of the Japanese Army to-day; and that "the sooner the rest of the world and China know that our soldiers are destined by Divine Right to be the bravest and the greatest soldiers on earth" the better for the world, etc.

The writer denies that there ever was "the rape of Nanking" which was published in the press last week and which he says "was ably denied by our excellent Consul General."

But no one is questioning the "ability" of the Japanese people at denying things. As a recent writer has so aptly and wittily expressed it—"if hard put to it, the Japanese Government and people can even deny that there ever was a place called Nanking!"

It is a psychological fact that when a people deludes itself with its own greatness and persists in suppressing or distorting the truth, in time they will fall to recognise a truth when they meet it.

Perhaps Japanese news and Japanese public opinion are so standardised and "cooked", that the people are only permitted to know or to believe what their militarists would like them to know. If that is the true position in Japan to-day, we can only extend our sympathy to the poor benighted people of Japan.

S. W. P.

NO INTENTION TO MISLEAD

Sir,—In a Reuter telegram in your issue of yesterday, reporting the Pope's protest to General Franco regarding the bombardments of Barcelona, there appears the following paragraph:

"It is stated that 28 priests were killed when the Insurgents re-entered Teruel, while two churches which remained standing were sacked by the Insurgent troops."

This immediately follows a paragraph beginning "The Pope also pointed out" but one would not be so uncharitable as to assume that this very impartial news agency intended that readers of this item should be led to believe that the above "facts" were actually "stated" in the Pope's protest, and that the Holy Father had charged General Franco's troops—the crusaders of Catholic Spain—with having murdered Catholic priests and sacked Catholic churches!

It would have been interesting had Reuter been able to tell us what use had been made of those two churches during the occupation of Teruel by the Reds.

A.D.G.

To all authors of unpublished letters: It is not proposed to print further matter in connection with the dispute as to whether or not the Japanese army has suffered reverses. All that can usefully be said has appeared in this column.

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THE FLAG

(Continued from Page 6.)

dog, joined in the struggle after the standard bearer had been killed.

The heroic dog lost a paw; but the eagle was saved.

In the disastrous retreat of the Grand Army from Moscow, in 1812, desperate efforts were made to preserve the colours.

Some were concealed in the clothes of the troops, others were burned, and the ashes, mingled with some liquid, were drunk by the officers—an expedient aptly described by a French historian as "a sublime communion."

A naval incident illustrates the extraordinary sense of sanctity which at that time invested the flag.

In 1811 a French frigate, the Renomme, surrendered after an action with a British squadron off Madagascar.

It was late, and the British ships were in no state to put an effective prize crew on board that evening. So a mere "token crew" of a lieutenant and a few seamen boarded the Renomme.

The French frigate had a complement of 400, and could easily, during the night, have overpowered the meagre garrison and escaped in the darkness. The crew actually wished to do so, but the French commander refused. He had struck his flag, and that was binding.

In defeat, as in victory, the flag was an inviolable emblem of national honour.

SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning:

Banks	
H.K. Banks, \$1,525 b.	
H.K. Banks, (Lon. Reg.), £90 n.	
Chartered Banks, £11½ n.	
Mercantile Bank, £4 and £228 n.	
Mercantile Bank, £214 n.	
East Asia Bank, \$80 b.	
Insurance	
Canton Ins., \$275 n.	
Union Ins., \$530 b.	
China Underwriters, \$2 sa.	
H.K. Fire Ins., \$245 n.	
Shipping	
Douglas, \$97 b.	
H.K. Steamships, \$15½ n.	
Indo-China (Def.), \$51 n.	
Indo-China (Def.), \$24 n.	
Shell Bearer, 85/— n.	
Union Waterboats, 9½ n.	
Docks etc.	
H.K. & W. Wharves, \$133 sa.	
H.K. W. Docks, \$33½ b.	
Providents (old), \$3.45 b.	
Providents (new), \$1½ b. and sa.	
Now Engineering, \$13 n.	
Shanghai Docks, \$100 n.	
Kalian Mining Adm., 15/6 n.	
Rauhs, \$7.00 n.	
Venz: Goldfield, \$4 n.	
Hongkong Mines 10 cts. n.	
Philippine Mining	
Antamoks, P. 51 sa.	
Atoks, P. 27 sa.	
Benguet Gold, P. 21 sa.	
Benguet Consol., P. 9.50 sa.	
Benguet Explor., —	
Big Wedge, P. —	
Coco Groves, P. 40 sa.	
Consolidated Mines, P. .011 sa.	
Demonstrations, P. 35 sa.	
E. Mindanao, P. —	
Gumauit Golds, P. —	
Ipe Gold, P. —	
I.K.L., P. 71 sa.	
Ilogons, P. —	
Masbate Consols., P. —	
Min. Resources, P. —	
Northern Min., P. —	
Palacote Gumaus, P. 20½ sa.	
Palacote Mining, P. —	
San Mauricio, P. 40½ sa.	
Suyoc Consol., P. 10½ sa.	
United Paracals, P. —	
Lands, Hotels, etc.	
H. and S. Hotels, \$6.70 b.	
H.K. Lands, \$35½ n.	
H.K. Lands, 4% Deben \$100 b.	
Shal Lands, \$7 n.	
Metropolitan Lands, \$h. —	
Humphries, \$9¼ n.	
H.K. Realities, \$9.40 sa.	
China Estate, \$97 b.	
China Realities, \$h. —	
China Deben, —	
Public Utilities	
H.K. Tramways, \$15.40 b.	
Peak Tram (old), \$7 b.	
Peak Tram (new), \$3¼ n.	
Star Ferries, \$84½ n.	
Yau-mat Ferries (old), \$28½ n.	
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

G. R. PUBLIC NOTICE.

The attention of all Registered Medical Practitioners and all persons or firms in any way connected with the importation, possession, distribution or sale of Anti-Smallpox Vaccine. Lymph is drawn to Government Notification No. 148 dated the 14th February, 1936, (Ordinance No. 32 of 1915, Importation and Exportation):—

"No person shall import for sale, distribution or use in the Colony any vaccine lymph unless such vaccine lymph is accompanied by a certificate to the satisfaction of the Director of Medical Services, that the same is of a proper strength, quality and purity." "Penalties 12 (1) Every person who commits or attempts to commit any offence against this Ordinance or against any Order in Council made thereunder shall be guilty of a misdemeanour and shall be liable upon conviction either summarily or on indictment to imprisonment for any term not exceeding one year and to a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars."

P. S. SELWYN CLARKE,
Director of Medical Services.
March 24, 1938.

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The Fifty-seventh Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 31st March, 1938, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 24th March to 14th April inclusive.

By order of the Board,
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Notice to Shareholders.

The Sixty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Tuesday, the 29th March, 1938, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1937.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to the 29th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers,
The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1938.

BANISHEE BACK

Admitting a charge of returning from banishment, Chan Yiu, 23, was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour by Mr. H. R. Butters, Central Magistrate. He was sent away for 10 years on December 30 last year, and was arrested on information Thursday.

H.K. Electric, \$50¼ b.	
Macao Electric, \$10¼ n.	
Sandakan Lights, \$14¼ b.	
Telephone (old), \$27 b. and sa.	
Telephone (new), \$10 b.	
China Buses, \$h. —	
Singapore Tractors, 22/6 n.	
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Ewo Cotton, \$h. \$13.90 n.	
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H.K. Entertainments, \$6.70 n.	
Constructions, \$1¼ b.	
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KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

THE RENTS QUESTION.

Following upon an interview with the Rents Commission, those persons who have answered the Association's questionnaire are requested to call upon the Commission between the hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, 26th March, at the Urban Council Chamber, top floor, Post Office Building.

They should bring with them rent receipts, landlord's or solicitor's letters announcing an increase of rent or giving notice to quit, and tenancy agreements, if any.

The Association, being bound to treat all answers to its questionnaire as confidential, is unable to forward them to the Commission. It is therefore important that persons who wish their cases to be considered by the Commission should themselves bring them to the notice of the Commission on Saturday, 26th March.

R. BALDWIN,
Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE

An Old Blues' Dinner will be held on 29th March.

Any Old Blues who have not already been notified by letter are requested to communicate with J. P. McIntyre, at 42, Kennedy Road, Hongkong.

NOTICE

Messrs. John I. Thornycroft & Co., Limited have moved their Executive Offices to St. George's Building, First Floor, Hongkong—Telephone No. 22363.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, 13th APRIL, 1938, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1937, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 26th MARCH to 13th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-NINTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, 13th APRIL, 1938, at 11.20 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1937, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 26th MARCH to 13th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 13th APRIL, 1938, at 11.25 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1937, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 26th MARCH to 13th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

DECLARES RUSSIA ANXIOUS

Sun Fo Speaks On Far East Dangers

London, Mar. 24.

Mr. Sun Fo, Chinese political leader and son of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, who is touring Europe, arrived in London by air from Paris to-day, and in an interview said, referring to his recent visit to Moscow, that Russia regarded the war in the Far East with great anxiety, but at present there seemed to be no prospect of her intervening owing to the dangers and complications in Europe, which might start a world war.

Mr. Sun Fo had a long conversation with M. Josef Stalin, Russian Dictator, who struck him as an extremely practical man, who knew exactly what he wanted.

As far as Mr. Sun Fo was able to judge, the Russian people appeared absolutely to support their Government, and the recent purge had not shaken the stability of the State.

Mr. Sun Fo frequently saw M. Litvinoff, the Russian Foreign Minister, who informed him that he was sure Herr Adolf Hitler meant to seize Austria. Immediately Mr. Sun Fo left Moscow for Vienna, and he only left Vienna a day before the seizure of Austria.

READY FOR LONG WAR

He expressed the opinion that the war in China would last at least another year, possibly much longer. The Chinese armies were far better organised and equipped than at the beginning, and it was now clear that Japan was obliged to keep two-thirds of her resources in reserve against the possibility of a quarrel with a third Power, hence she could only use one-third against China, and she had to draw heavily on that.

Mr. Sun Fo said he had no doubt about the stability of Chinese currency. Chinese reserves abroad were intact, and China was able to finance the purchase of arms abroad without injury to her currency reserve.

SPOILED JAPAN'S HOPES

Chinese restrictions of currency spoiled Japan's hopes of buying the foreign exchange to finance the new Bank of Peiping with notes of the Central Bank of China, of which there were \$300,000,000 worth circulating in North China.

Mr. Sun Fo said he hoped to stay in England for three or four weeks to see the Prime Minister to renew acquaintances with Sir Alexander Cadogan, Sir Arthur Lethbridge and Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen. He may go on to America, but that is not yet decided.—*Reuter*.

Governors Lunch At Hotel

Sir Vandeleur Grayburn Host To Party

Their Excellencies the Governors of Hongkong and Macao, Sir Geoffrey Northcote and his distinguished visitor, Dr. Arthur Tamagnini Barbosa, attended a luncheon at the Hongkong Hotel to-day when Sir Vandeleur Grayburn, Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, was the host.

The other guests were H.E. Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble, Commander-in-Chief, General V. Temudo de Vera, Mr. F. J. Gellion, British Consul in Macao, Mr. A. B. Laborinho, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Commodore Francisco Robelo, Mr. D. C. Edmondson, Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, Capt. S. H. Batty-Smith, Lieut.-Col. P. Matson, Lieut.-Col. J. Vieira, Lieut. Bento de Abreu.

Vaccination Necessary For Travellers

Persons embarking at Hongkong for ports in Japan are advised to carry with them a certificate of vaccination dated not less than 14 days or more than three months prior to the date of their departure from Hongkong, says a Government communique issued to-day.

Persons who have been in contact with a case of smallpox are liable to detention in quarantine for a period of 14 days counting from the time when contact with infection last took place, unless they can produce a certificate of immunity to smallpox from vaccination carried out within three years of embarkation or of having suffered from smallpox within ten years preceding the date of embarkation.

EXTENDED FACILITIES TO COTTON GROWERS

Washington, Mar. 24. The time limit for placing 1937-38 cotton for the Government loan, which was originally fixed for March 31, has been extended by the Commodity Credit Corporation to July 1, it was announced to-day.—*Reuter*.

Second Appeal To Trade Union Workers

Government Seeks Solid Support

London, Mar. 24.

The Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence, Sir Thomas Inskip, conferred this afternoon with engineering Trade Union leaders, when he conveyed to them the Government's views similar to those given to the Trade Unions Congress deputation yesterday.

The Union promised to consider the statement at the earliest possible opportunity. Leaders of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, which is overwhelmingly the most powerful engineering body, were absent from the meeting owing to other engagements.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

LITHUANIAN CABINET RE-FORMED

Kovno, Mar. 24. The President of Lithuania has accepted the resignation of the Cabinet, and a new provisional Cabinet has been formed under Father Mironas, Chaplain to the Army.

No change has occurred in the existing regime, and all Ministers are members of the Government party, thus avoiding any coalition.—*Reuter*.

CABINET'S FEAR OF SURRENDER

Kovno, Mar. 24. M. J. Tibilets's Cabinet has resigned, due to the growing belief that capitulation to Poland constitutes outright surrender.

In accordance with President Smetona's request, the Rev. Vladas Moronas has immediately formed another Cabinet.—*United Press*.

CZECH MINISTER RESIGNS

Prague, Mar. 24. The Christian Socialist Minister, without portfolio, Herr Erwin Zujewski, has resigned in conformity with his party's withdrawal of support for the Government.—*United Press*.

NEW DUTCH LINER TO CALL HERE

Marking the 50th anniversary of the founding of the K.P.M. Line by Messrs. Bolssevain, Ruys and Tegeler, the Company on April 5 will bring to Hongkong the latest addition to their fleet—the Bolssevain.

This ship, a sister to two other 16,000-ton liners named Ruys and Tegeler, will augment the already popular Dutch service between the Far East and South Africa.

This service, the Orient-Java-Africa Line (Shanghai to Capetown) was inaugurated in 1931 with a number of comparatively small ships of the Rogerveen Class, including such well-known vessels as the *Tasman* and *Bontekoe*. These vessels will continue to see service on this run, but the three latest liners will add still further to the popularity and efficiency of the service.

The Bolssevain, first to arrive here, will carry 80 first class passengers and 80 cabin class, apart from having accommodation in two cabins-de-luxe, each with two beds.

POST OFFICE.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 18th March.	San Pan American Airways Plane	March 25.
Amoy	Sirdhana	March 25.
Japan	Toyama Maru	March 25.
Straits	Bhutan	March 26.
Haiphong	Canton	March 26.
Japan	Asaka Maru	March 26.
Straits	Conte Rosso	March 26.
San Francisco	Eskbank	March 26.
Straits	Eumemus	March 26.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 16th March.	Imperial Airways Plane	March 26.
Straits and Europe via Negapatnam (Letters and Papers) London date, 24th February	Katori Maru	March 26.
Japan	Najima Maru	March 26.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Bangalore	Friday	Fri., Mar. 25.
Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 27th April.	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Reg., Mar. 25, 4.15 p.m. Ord., Mar. 25, 5 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Japan	Fri., Mar. 25.
Air Mail for Wuchow, Kweliu, C.N.A.C. Plane	K.P.O.	Reg., Mar. 25, 5 p.m. Ord., Mar. 25, 5 p.m.
Kweliu and Chungking by the "C.N.A.C." Airways Direct Service	G.P.O.	Reg., Mar. 25, 5 p.m. Ord., Mar. 25, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 2nd April.	Kowloon P.O.	Reg., Mar. 25, 5 p.m. Ord., Mar. 25, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Reg., Mar. 25, 5 p.m. Ord., Mar. 26, 6 a.m.

Saturday	
Samshui and Wuchow	Tai Ming
Bangkok via Holhow	Nanchang
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 3rd April	Imperial Airways Plane
Air Mail for "Australia by Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Darwin, 30th March.	G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Air Mail for Sian, Lanchow and Eurasia Plane	G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Chengtu, etc. (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as services permit).	Reg., Mar. 26, 9 a.m. Ord., Mar. 26, 9.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand	Atsuta Maru
via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 6th April	G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Kongmoon	Fook On
Formosa, Shanghai and Japan	Katori Maru
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow (via Amoy)	Van Heutz Sat., Mar. 26, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Canton Maru Sat., Mar. 26, 10.30 a.m.
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Conte Rosso Sat., Mar. 26, 11.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 7th April.	Klungchow Sat., Mar. 26, 1 p.m.
Air Mail for "France Orient Service"—due Marseilles, 10th April.	Sirdhana Sat., Mar. 26.
Saigon	Gustav Diederichsen Sat., Mar. 26.
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Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, Egypt and Parcels only for Germany via Hamburg.	Sat., Mar. 26, 5 p.m.
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, President Cleveland	Sat., Mar. 26.
Central and South America and Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 14th April and Europe via Siberia.	G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Straits and Calcutta	Reg., Sat., Mar. 26, 3 p.m. Ord., Sat., Mar. 26, 4.15 p.m.
	Reg., Sat., Mar. 26, 5 p.m. Ord., Sat., Mar. 26, 5 p.m.

*Superscribed correspondence only.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

	1936	1937
NEW INSURANCE (Including Deferred Annuities)	£ 11,599,177	£ 12,361,614
INSURANCE IN FORCE (Including Deferred Annuities)	109,425,967	114,356,

Britain Won't Accept Japan's Restrictions

TOKYO RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE TO SHIPPING IN CHINA

New Tariffs and Customs Discussed in Commons

London, Mar. 24.

In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said his attention had been drawn to a press report of an announcement issued jointly by the Japanese diplomatic, military and Naval authorities in Shanghai, that no ships could ply in Chinese internal waterways in the Japanese controlled areas, without special permits, failing which ships and their cargoes would be subject to seizure.

He added that the Government had received no official confirmation.

The Government would not recognise any such order, and would, if necessary, inform the Japanese Government, that Britain would hold it responsible for damage to British interests resulting from such an order.

FAVOURS JAPAN

Mr. Butler replied to a question put by Major H. A. Proctor (Cons.) and said the revised North China tariff appeared to tend to favour Japanese trade, but apart from the general complaint from trade organisations as to the prejudice caused to British trade in North China by the present conditions, no specific instance of hardship resulting from the tariff had been brought to his notice.

The Japanese Government's reply to the protest addressed to it had now been received. The Japanese Government disclaimed responsibility.

for revision of the customs rate enacted by the Peking Provincial Government, and contended that the reduction of duties on a few commodities needed for rehabilitation or relief, was unavoidable.

The reply also stated that there had been no discrimination against third powers, and the revision had the effect of doing away with special instances of hardship resulting from the tariff had been brought to his notice.

NO IMPROVEMENT

Mr. I. C. Hannan (Cons) asked for the result of the representations to

MUST NOT ATTACK PRISONERS

Orders To Chinese Peasantry

Chungking, Mar. 25. Instructions not to interfere with Japanese airmen in the event of their being forced to land or to make a parachute jump is being circulated throughout Szechuen by the Central Government Headquarters.

The peasants are told that they must only inform the nearest police or military authorities, meanwhile watching the plane occupants to ensure that they do not effect repairs to the machine or escape.

The people are warned not to inflict bodily harm upon the Japanese prisoners.—Reuter.

PLEADS SELF DEFENCE

(Continued from Page 1.)

Noor Khan, guard No. 26, said that on February 5 deceased won a bet of \$10 from the first prisoner, in connection with the fixing of typhoon bars. On his return from anti-piracy work, second prisoner learned of the bet and asked him to go and tell deceased that he had better return the money. Witness told him to go and ask himself as the bet was a fair one. Subsequently second prisoner told him that he had asked deceased who, however, had refused to hand back the money. He appeared to be angered by the refusal.

Referring to the night of the murder, witness said that on hearing the alarm bell, he went to the bungalow where he found deceased lying on his bed and both accused sitting on their own. Deceased told him that accused had beaten him and broken both his legs with his own stick. When asked why he committed the assault, first prisoner said: "I did it, and what I have done is quite a right." Deceased replied: "Only one of you could have assaulted me. Two of you assaulted me. Fateh Khan held me down while you beat me." Second prisoner did not make any remarks.

NO REASON FOR BEATING

Cross-examined by Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, for the first prisoner witness said that as far as he knew deceased and Zaman had never quarrelled. No reason was given why the beating was inflicted.

In answer to Mr. George She, for the second prisoner, witness stated that the reason why Fateh Khan intervened in connection with the bet was because the first accused was a fellow-villager. He had never quarrelled with the second prisoner.

Allah Daul, guard 77, gave similar evidence in respect of the bet.

ACCUSED ON STAND

In the witness-box, first prisoner said he was transferred to Green Island on September last for a period of six months. He and second accused were fellow-villagers.

On December 1 last, he lent deceased \$17 on the promise that the money was to be returned when his transfer from Green Island was due. He had known deceased for one and a half years and had never quarrelled with him.

Continuing, accused said: In the early part of February I made a bet with deceased in connection with the fixing of typhoon bars. I lost the bet and handed the money to deceased in good spirit. No further mention of the bet was made and I never saw Fateh Khan to intervene. We were on good terms up to the day of the murder.

On that day, I had my meal in the cook-house with deceased, and guards 26 and 77. That was shortly after p.m. and after the meal we went to the Police Station where we had tea. An hour later, guards 26 and 77 went on duty and we returned to our quarters.

ALONE IN ROOM

When deceased was preparing his bed I asked him to return the \$17. He transferred the money to me and I gave him only \$15 but insisted the amount was \$17. Words were exchanged, after which deceased picked up his stick and struck me a blow on the shoulder with it. I gave him a push, causing him to fall back on his back and lose hold of the stick which I picked up. Then I struck him repeatedly to get rid of myself as there was no one else present in the room. I stopped striking when I saw Sergeant B56 and the second prisoner coming in together. That was the first time I saw the second prisoner, who was asked by the Sergeant to remain in the room, while he went to summon the master. Neither deceased nor I did anything until the return of the Sergeant with Mr. Bailey, who asked me if I had a fight with deceased. I replied "yes." So far as I know deceased and the second accused were on good terms.

The case is proceeding.

Japan respecting the collection of customs duties in Shanghai. Mr. Butler replied that the Japanese Government had promised early consideration of the representations. He regretted that he had no report of any improvement in the situation, and His Majesty's Ambassador to Tokyo, Sir Robert Craigie, was continuing to press the matter.—Reuter.

PROPOSING CONTROL OF RECONSTITUTED MILK MANUFACTURE AND SALE

Large-scale introduction of reconstituted milk and reconstituted cream in Hongkong by leading local dairies is said to be responsible for proposals to introduce new by-laws to the Public Health (Food) Ordinance.

The proposed by-laws will be brought before the Urban Council at the next meeting on Tuesday, and will be as follows:

In these by-laws the terms "reconstituted milk" and "reconstituted cream" mean products resulting from the recombination of milk constituents, namely, milk fat, solids not fat derived from milk, and water. No person shall manufacture reconstituted milk or reconstituted cream for sale or for use in the preparation of some other article of food for sale except in premises licensed by the Council as a Food Factory for that specific purpose.

All homogenizing, emulsifying, pasteurizing, sterilizing, cooling, refrigerating, cold storage, bottling, filling or other plant or apparatus used in such a Food Factory for the production of reconstituted milk or reconstituted cream shall be of a type approved by the Council.

Every pasteurizing plant or apparatus shall be equipped with a self-registering thermometer device which will accurately indicate and record the temperature to which the milk is heated, and the length of time for which the pasteurized product has been heated. All such records shall be kept for at least two months and shall be available for inspection at all reasonable times by any Health Officer or Food Officer.

No butter or skimmed milk powder or other ingredient other than from a source approved by the Council shall be used in the manufacture of reconstituted milk or reconstituted cream.

WATER SUPPLY

No water other than water from a source approved by the Council shall be used in the manufacture of reconstituted milk or reconstituted cream.

No preservative shall be added to reconstituted milk or reconstituted cream.

No colouring matter other than colouring matter approved by the Council shall be added to reconstituted milk or reconstituted cream.

No person shall sell, offer or expose for sale or manufacture of any other article of food for sale any reconstituted milk or reconstituted cream other than pasteurized reconstituted milk or pasteurized reconstituted cream.

For the purposes of this by-law "pasteurized reconstituted milk" or "pasteurized reconstituted cream" means reconstituted milk or reconstituted cream which has been heated to, and retained for a period of not less than thirty minutes at a temperature of not less than 145 degrees on the Fahrenheit scale or 63 degrees on the Centigrade scale and not more than 150 degrees on the Fahrenheit scale or 65.5 degrees on the Centigrade scale, and which has been immediately cooled to a temperature of not more than 55 degrees on the Fahrenheit scale or 12.78 degrees on the Centigrade scale.

CONTAINERS' REGULATION

Reconstituted milk and reconstituted cream shall, except where intended for sale in bulk, be sold, offered or exposed for sale only in containers of a type approved by the Council. For the purposes of these by-laws "containers" includes any cover attached to a container.

The filling of all containers shall be carried out only in the licensed Food Factory in which the reconstituted milk or reconstituted cream is manufactured and shall be done by machinery or some other means approved by the Council.

Every bottle used as a container shall be constructed of clear colourless glass and shall be closed with a tightly fitting disc and covered with an outer cover overlapping the lip of and securely fastened to the bottle. The outer cover or, if the outer cover is constructed of transparent material, the disc or a prominent label or labels attached to the bottle shall bear the name of the manufacturer in English, the words "Reconstituted Milk" or "Reconstituted Cream" as the case may be. The word "Reconstituted" shall be printed in letters as prominent as those used in the word "Milk" or "Cream"; the Chinese characters printed in prominent type for the English words "Reconstituted Milk" or "Reconstituted Cream" and no other Chinese characters except with the written permission of the Council; and the word "Pasteurized".

DISTRIBUTION

No person shall sell, offer or expose for sale or have in his possession for sale any reconstituted milk or reconstituted cream except in premises registered as a dairy or milk shop in accordance with the Dairies and Milk Shops By-laws, and then only if his Certificate of Registration is endorsed to that effect, or premises registered as a Food Factory for the manufacture of reconstituted milk or reconstituted cream.

No person shall advertise, sell, offer or expose for sale under a description or designation including the words "milk" or "cream" any substance purporting to be reconstituted milk or reconstituted cream as defined in these by-laws unless the words "milk" or "cream" are immediately preceded by the word "reconstituted" which shall be exhibited with the same degree of prominence as the words "milk" or "cream."

BIGGER U.S. WHEAT CROP FORECAST

Washington, Mar. 24.

An estimate issued by the Department of Agriculture places the 1938 wheat crop in the United States at 830,000,000 bushels, of which the winter crop is 630,000,000 and the spring crop, 200,000,000 bushels.

Such crop, the department stated, was 100,000,000 in excess of the 1937-38 average for domestic requirements, and it would thereby increase the surplus, resulting probably in lower prices.

Meanwhile, it is expected that larger supplies from abroad will reduce the demand for American produce, while less favourable conditions may materially alter the crop price and outlook.—Reuter.

FURIOUS FIGHTING IN SHANTUNG

(Continued from Page 1.)

captured and some 300 machine-guns and rifles seized by the Chinese forces in a recent engagement at Licheng in south Shantung which resulted in the capture of the town.

Japanese units which came from Changyeh and Lucheng, towns in the neighbourhood, to rescue their comrades, were routed by the Chinese on the way.—Central News.

Chinese Success In North Honan

Chengchow, Mar. 25. Chinese forces which crossed the Yellow River in north Honan recovered Wushe city in a counter-attack on the morning of March 19.

They have now surrounded the Japanese troops at Wushe.

A unit of 500 Japanese troops with 21 trucks and two tanks, on the highway between Tscheng, in south Shansi, and Po Ai, in north Honan, was attacked by Chinese guerrillas on March 22. About 60 Japanese soldiers were slain and six trucks destroyed during the fight. The Chinese casualties included one officer and 20 soldiers killed.—Central News.

34 Japanese Planes Lost

Hankow, Mar. 25. Thirty-four Japanese planes based in central China have been lost since March 1, according to information emanating from Japanese military circles.

Of this number 27 are believed to have been shot down either by Chinese pursuit planes, or by the Chinese anti-aircraft guns. Sixty-nine Japanese airmen were killed with the loss of these planes.—Central News.

Japanese Attack Kwangteh

Kwangteh, Mar. 25. Japanese troops from Chungking on the south bank of the Tsalu Lake and from Hsuan-cheng south-west of Wuhu are driving toward Kwangteh simultaneously. The purpose of the drive is presumably to occupy the highway between Chungking and Hsuan-cheng in order to cut contact between Chinese troops operating in the Tsalu Lake area and those in the Wuhu area.

Chinese guerrillas are meanwhile active on the railway between Wuhu and Hsuan-cheng. Japanese barracks at a point off the railway were suddenly attacked a few days ago by guerrillas. Some 100 Japanese soldiers were killed.

Many railway bridges and telegraph poles and wires were destroyed.—Central News.

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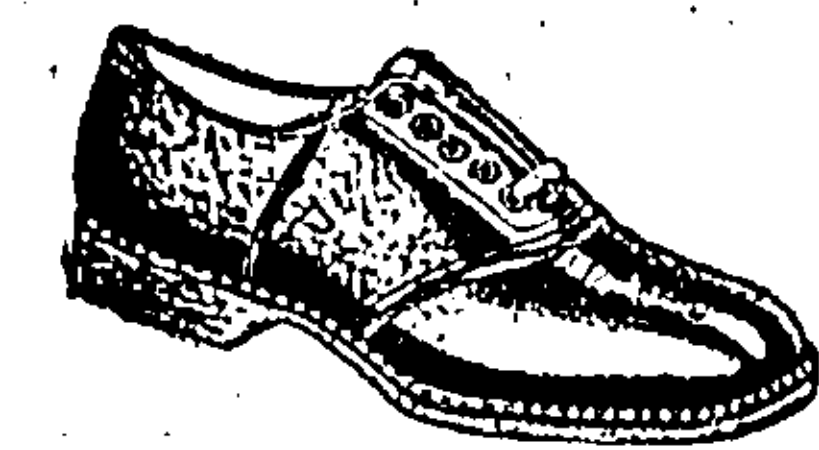
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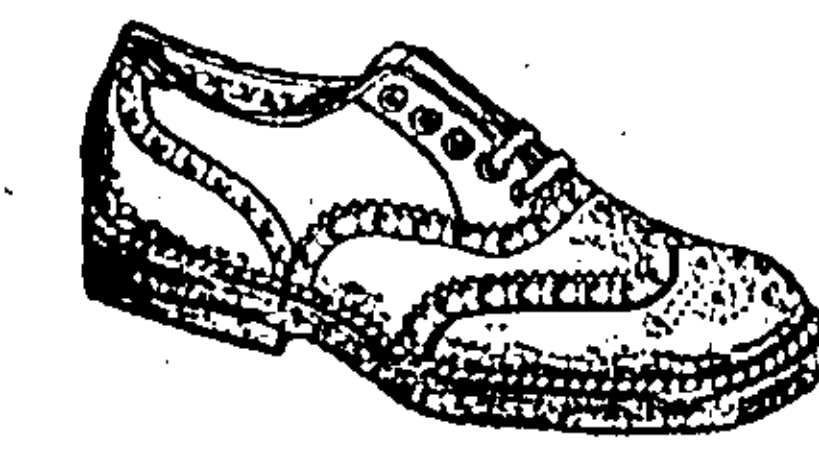
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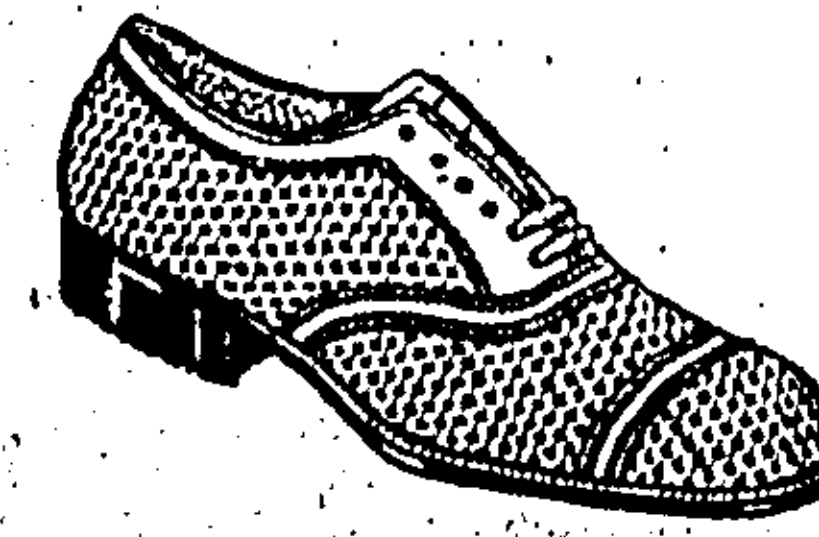
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KEY TO PEACE IN PALESTINE

Recently the Government decided to send an additional six full battalions of British troops to Palestine for permanent duty there. This means that the battalions will serve for as long as there is unrest in the territories for which Great Britain is responsible; or perhaps as long as there is trouble across their frontiers, which may well be for ever. For the Arab is a man with a long memory and fighting and raiding are in his blood. The six new battalions will reinforce the troops already stationed in Palestine, and they are a numerous and costly enough force to make the people who pay the taxes wonder what lies behind all this unrest.

It is a long story and only the essentials can be touched upon. It goes back centuries before the time of the Balfour Declaration, which gave the Jewish people a promise of a "home land" in Palestine. It is this Declaration which ostensibly created the present anti-British and anti-Jewish feeling among the tribes. But the chances are that whether the partitioning of Palestine had been attempted or not, the bedouin and his brothers would have continued to make trouble in the desert, raiding into the villages and to the borders of the towns; for that is the nature of the Arabs.

Long before the Great War, and as far as historians can take us, there have been wars in and around Palestine. When, shortly before the Great War, Britain had to think about her communications with India and her oil interests in the Near East, because of German and Turkish ambitions in that part of the world, there was considerable under-cover diplomacy and treaty-seeking with the various native rulers. When war finally came Britain had allies who harassed the Turks, and Hussein, one of Turkey's former Governors, was promised the rule of the Arab peoples for the part he played in the long campaigns. But while the Indian and Egyptian Governments and the British Foreign Office were making their separate agreements with various leaders and Lawrence was with Hussein, probably the greatest of the Arab rulers, Ibn Saud, was more or less forgotten. He was, in fact, underestimated. It was not until after the War, when he, in spite of the protection promised by the British to his enemies, waged war and conquered, that His Majesty's officials discovered they had backed the wrong horse. Ibn

The Irish Sweep is Drawn To-day. Here a Dublin Reporter, who lives in Hopes Him- self, Tells of the

People I Would Like To Win The Sweep

A BIG Irish daily paper keeps me as a reporter as such I suffer the indignities, enjoy the privileges and thrill to the excitement that only newspapermen know. As such I am ordered, smoothly enough, sometimes, and excitedly enough at other times, to go-out-and-get-it for the soulless machines that roll up from the press room when subs have finished drawing blue pencils through my copy and when I am staggering home and wondering if some careless waywardness of my story will meet with a rap from the Editor-in-Chief when the next day brings its newness and the usual morning reckoning up.

As a reporter I am human. Five years of dragging the sordidness and the alleged thrills out of life have made me human like the old men that have seen everything and can still get a kick out of a "scoop."

And as for this Sweep business, well, it's just another assignment as far as we are concerned. Not that we haven't reasoned out that the Sweep is a fine thing, mind you. Why, when we see the hospitals go up in our own city and know that in three mothers will bear their little kids, treated to all the best that science can give them, well, friend, we kind of thank the world for its willingness to take a chance on the Irish Sweepstake.

And even the old sheet looks human after all and the great machines are almost rhyming out a psalm of halleluiahs sometimes when we publish the fact that there's going to be more of the world's wealth spent on healing down-and-outs in this wee land of ours, even if the other columns are reeking with the scent of munitions.

AND when I see that the Sweep money is doing so much good I get to thinking sometimes that the money that doesn't exactly go to the hospitals, but to the people who are lucky out of a great-hearted bunch of ticket-holders, should if things were right, do some good too.

And I'm not telling you off, you winners, but, just hoping. . . .

THERE are some people, for instance, in my roving life that I would rather win than millionaires, magnates, mere mugs, or even me.

They are the brave, pathetic down-and-outs that can still give a friendly hand and a friendly smile when things are dead black, and can even frame the words "good luck to them" for those who walk off with a cool £30,000 prize.

YES, certainly I have some of them in mind. Once I was on an eviction story . . . last year I was at an inquest at the morgue and a woman said that a man had been in Flanders through the Great Tragedy and hadn't got much to do since then . . . his body had been picked out of a canal . . . not so long ago a great lad who had been on a paper here but just couldn't make the headway the Chief wanted, went out to India. There wasn't the same clear blue in his eyes when he came back last month. "Sand in the lungs" the doctors called it out there. They put him in a sanatorium. I have heard of too many to die with the wasting flame they call consumption.

THERE are the people you and I know of only too well. The girl with the shabby overcoat of three years back, tramping to the employment exchange and asking the same tired question day after day. You can even now conjure up the game smile of her as she calls to yet another establishment later in the day with a poor little parcel all wrapped up and the man inside the door of the shop below the three brass balls says—"Nine-pence, take it or leave it," and the girl of the shabby coat and the tired eyes sighs softly and takes it.

JUST one out of the millions. How many more could you not tell of. Kids out of the slums of the cities. Strong men whose hands are idle and whose hearts are breaking. Mothers who ache to be able to cook them a decent meal, but who welcome them home for all that.

Girls and men in the bread-lines of the world. As a great Irish poet described them—"the poor dumb suffering people."

The Hospitals Trust of the Irish Sweepstakes are doing their part, readers of this paper, wherever you are. When you get that prize, that I hope will come to you in the next draw, there's a dumb sap of a reporter telling you to have your pleasure, but to remember always the down-and-outs of the world.

THE FLAG

THE flag, symbol of a nation's honour, has been prominent in many of the "incidents" which punctuate the Chinese War.

In Shanghai an excited Japanese thrusts a miniature Rising Sun flag in the hands of an English bystander; the Englishman, incensed, breaks the flag across his knee; and the Press of the whole world tells the story in flaming headlines.

From time to time there have been reports of Japanese soldiers hauling down a British or American flag. A century ago similar behaviour, even though perpetrated in a spirit of irresponsibility by ignorant and excited troops, might well have had the gravest outcome.

To-day the policy of British statesmen is directed above all to keeping the peace, and they

Saud had won control of all Arabia except Transjordan, Palestine and a few small areas under the domination of great western powers. Meanwhile, the old animosities and hatreds, the fierce blood feuds of the Arabs had burst into flame again. That fire has never since been quenched, though Ibn Saud has as near to pacifying the tribes as any man who ever lived.

Ibn Saud's fanatical fighting men would march against Britain or any other great power if their ruler gave the word. They do not like foreigners and "heretics" and unbelievers. And it must be admitted that they have a good argument in that they claim to be fighting for nothing more than their desert and their freedom to live and graze their flocks without molestation from outsiders. The Palestine partitioning can be made an excuse for Ibn Saud's tribes to raid here and there and make the frontiers restless. Ibn Saud is the key man in the Inner Desert. He can control the tribes. If Britain seeks lasting peace for Palestine it would be well to consider the influence and far-reaching interests of this man whom even Lawrence misjudged, and strike with Ibn Saud a bargain which will make of him a permanent and willing ally.

By
Patrick Monkhouse

prefer to liquidate such incidents by the patient methods of diplomacy. But still, despite the plain wisdom of this policy, it is impossible for the ordinary man to read with indifference that his country's flag has been insulted.

The high water mark of the flag as the symbol of national honour was reached in the nineteenth century. One old incident will show how deeply it was revered.

Nearly eighty years ago, when the French were pursuing some military operations in Syria, British men-of-war were lying off Cyprus.

One British vessel decided on a little gunnery practice. The gunner set to work to prepare a target, but could find no bunting to mark it with. At last a marine proffered a coloured pocket handkerchief, green, red and white, he had bought at Malta.

This faded handkerchief was duly nailed to a staff, which was stuck into a small cask, and the whole target was towed into a suitable position and eventually sunk by gunfire.

Meanwhile the captain of a French brig which lay close by had watched the firing, and mistaking the colours, had convinced himself that the handkerchief was a French flag.

Going on shore, he collected all the Frenchmen he could find, informed them that the sacred flag of France was being grossly insulted by the British Fleet, and induced them to sign a vehement protest, which they went en masse to deliver to the French consul.

The consul in turn, forwarded the protest to the British consul colours at all cost was at Isandlwana, where 20,000 Zulus overwhelmed a small British force in 1879.

The next thing, French and English met to argue it out, the lieutenants of the 24th Regiment swearing that it was their flag which they had seen to save the regimental colours and which was now lying in six by swimming across the swift, fathomless waters; the British, deep and rocky Buffalo River, retorting to the French: "One of them, Lieutenant Coghill, is it likely that you know him?"

more about it than the marine who has blown his nose with it for the last six months?"

By a lucky chance a boat succeeded in fishing up the missing target with a grapple, and the French were at last convinced that honour of their flag remained unscathed.

This notion that there is something peculiarly sacred about the flag was of long and gradual growth.

Early standards served a double purpose. They indicated the whereabouts of the commander; and, often bearing the name or image of a saint, they were supposed to secure the blessing and assistance of the saint on the men fighting under his banner.

It is an encounter between Scots and English that one first comes on the idea of the flag as something which must on no account be allowed to fall into the enemy's hands, even if the battle is already lost.

At Flodden Field, the standard of the Earl Marshal of Scotland was carried by one Black John Skirving, of Plewland Hill.

The Scots were defeated, and Black John was taken prisoner. But he succeeded in concealing the precious banner about his person—presumably stuffing it inside his shirt—until he regained his freedom.

A similar expedient for saving the standard was adopted by Ensign Walsh, who carried one of the two regimental colours of the Buffs at the battle of Albuera.

Being severely wounded, he tore the flag from its already broken staff, and thrust it in his breast, where it was found, and induced them to sign a vehement protest, which they went en masse to deliver to the French consul.

Perhaps the classic instance of an attempt to preserve the colours at all cost was at Isandlwana, where 20,000 Zulus overwhelmed a small British force in 1879.

When the day was lost, two English met to argue it out, the lieutenants of the 24th Regiment swearing that it was their flag which they had seen to save the regimental colours and which was now lying in six by swimming across the swift, fathomless waters; the British, deep and rocky Buffalo River, retorting to the French: "One of them, Lieutenant Coghill, is it likely that you know him?"

THE "VERY IDEA"

SPRING HAS KELLY IN IT'S GRIP

By Eddie Kelly, Convalescent

WE have decided to travel when we win the £30,000 Irish Sweep tonight.

Travelling is in our blood, in fact.

Having decided this, we are now somewhat perplexed.

Shall we go to Waikiki? Haiti? The South of France?

We rather fancy the Italian Riviera. A good holiday can be had in Athabasca. We are not sure whether Athabasca is a place or a medicine, but we have heard good reports about it.

Athabasca, it seems, is a place where one can lie on one's back and lazily watch the clouds float by.

That's where we want to be. Way back in Athabasca.

Lying beneath the moon in some secluded spot—just dreaming. We would be Signor Edvardino Kellarino, idly strumming our guitar, with wild, red roses entwined in our hair. With long, sensitive fingers we would languidly reach out and pluck a guava or perhaps have ourself in some peaceful pool.

Not for us the deck chairs and boat decks. Give us the wide, wide open spaces. We want to smell the gorse and heather.

Cover us up with flame of the forest. Let us dwell in the scent of the thing—we could never think of the name of the stuff—laburnum. Or it might be geranium. Anyway, it doesn't matter.

Life is so full of sadness and sorrows let us not think of the morrow. (Poetry)

That's how we feel—soulful. Sometimes, when we're dreary and tired of the world, we like to talk to interesting people about our soul.

The trouble is that the moment we start they get the idea that they've got more complicated souls than us. Which is ridiculous.

There has been a slight interruption. A gentleman has arrived wanting money.

He will not depart.

Tell Tchi. Now we have lost our mood—the world is full of mundane things. Nothing beautiful about it! Shroffs hounding you every few minutes. Sub-Editors screaming for copy. Editors who think you're overpaid. Girls who slap your face on the slightest pretext.

What the world wants is more give and take.

Give a dog a bad name and what happens. He answers your whistle just the same.

We will now rejoin our friends at the Hongkong Hotel.

In future Mr. Kelly will burst into print on Tuesdays and Fridays.—Ed.

other, Lieutenant Melville, was struck by a shot just as he was reaching the bank. Coghill turned back to help him, and both were killed.

Their bodies were found some days later with a group of dead Zulus around them; and in the bed of the river the colours of the regiment, saved, as the historians of the Zulu War put it, "from the degradation of capture and contamination by the hands of savages."

This incident produced the profoundest effect in Britain.

Queen Victoria, deeply moved, bestowed the Victoria Cross posthumously on the two men.

When the colours were brought back to England, they were taken to her at Osborne, where with her Royal hand she attached to them a wreath of immortelles.

No commander made more of the colours than did Napoleon.

His famous tri-colour standards, surmounted by an eagle, were chosen by him to recall at once the "eagles" of the Roman Empire and the badge of Charlemagne.

He issued these standards to the Grand Army with resplendent ceremony in December 1804, and once a regiment had lost its "eagle" some outstanding feat of arms was required before a new one was granted.

Each standard was placed in charge of two young officers armed only with pistols, and charged with no other duty than to shoot down anyone attacking the standard itself.

The most notable fight for an eagle was at Austerlitz, where even the regimental mascot, a (Continued on Page 4)

ENTITLED TO WAGES WITHHELD

Employee's Action In Nature Of Test Interesting Judgment

Holding that there was an understanding to refund the cut in salary as soon as profits were made, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindell at the Summary Court this morning gave judgment with costs for Cheng Puk-sun in his claim for \$405.47, being balance of wages against his former employers, the China Emporium, Ltd.

It was stated at previous hearings that the action was a test case and might involve a sum of about \$40,000.

According to plaintiff, the claim was for 20 per cent. of his wages from August 15, 1934, to August 31, 1935, which were retained by the Company on condition that the money would be returned if and when profits were made. Since then, the Company had made profits, and he was therefore entitled to repayment, though he was no longer in their employ.

The defence was that plaintiff was not entitled because he had been dismissed and because the Company had made no profits, in the sense that eight per cent. interest on the capital had not been paid.

Mr. W. A. Mackinlay appeared for the plaintiff, and defendant company was represented by Mr. M. W. Lo.

JUDGMENT

In his judgment, His Lordship said: In this action the plaintiff, an ex-employee of the defendant Company, which is commonly known as the China Emporium, seeks to recover from the Company the aggregate of certain deductions that were made from his salary in the two years running from August, 1934, to August, 1935.

Prior to August, 1934, the plaintiff's salary as one of the Company's principal buyers, was \$95 per month but in that month a general cut of the salaries of all employees was effected in the following circumstances. In 1934 the business of the Company was not flourishing. On August 9 at a meeting of the standing Committee, which is an inner council of the Company's Board of Directors, it was resolved that the salaries of all employees should be cut on a sliding scale as from August 1, that when the financial position of the Company improved and the business showed a profit, the matter should be reconsidered by the Board with a view to refunding by instalments the sums deducted from salaries by way of cut, but that no employee who in the meantime resigned from, or was dismissed by, the Company should be entitled to share in the refund.

On August 15 the General Manager, Mr. Chan Harr, summoned a meeting of the principal heads of departments including the plaintiff and communicated some, at any rate, of the details of the "cut" scheme to them. That he revealed the whole scheme with all its terms is denied by the plaintiff and his witnesses but I shall deal with this point later.

ACCEPTED SCHEME

The scheme, which was now to come into operation on August 15, was accepted, so far as it was made clear to them, by the employees, and was confirmed at a meeting of the whole Board of Directors on August 16.

It is of some importance to note that the refund provisions of the scheme so approved by the Board and recorded in the minutes of their meeting of August 16 do not exactly tally with the corresponding provisions passed by the Standing Committee as recorded in the minutes of their meeting of August 9. The translation of the material part of the minutes of the Standing Committee's meeting reads as follows: "Should the business condition in Hongkong make any improvement and our Company make any profit in the future, the Board of Directors shall be approached with a request for having such salary cuts gradually restored after due consideration." The corresponding part of the minutes of the Board meeting is: "Should in the future the Company make any profit, whether much or little, the amounts so cut shall be restored after due consideration."

CONFLICT OF EVIDENCE

As to the form in which the scheme was communicated to the Company's employees on August 15 by the General Manager there is a direct conflict of evidence. The case for the defence is that at the meeting on that date the General Manager read out the exact words of the resolution of the Standing Committee which had been reproduced in a number of notices, one copy of which was handed to each departmental head present in order that he might study the scheme and communicate it to his folks.

If this evidence is accepted, there is an end of the case since the "refund" provision in this form is no more than an undertaking by the management to have the matter, if and when the Company's financial position improves, reconsidered by the Board of Directors with a view to the refund by instalments of the sums deducted from salaries during the period of depression.

On the other hand, the plaintiff and his two witnesses are emphatic in stating that what they were offered at the meeting was a refund, so soon as the Company made a profit, of all sums deducted from their salaries during the period of depression; that some of them received a copy of the

PUBLIC CO-OPERATION IN SMALLPOX FIGHT APPARENTLY LACKING

Dr. S. N. Chau Indicates Several Reasons for Chinese Attitude

"The general impression exists that the public is not fully co-operating with the authorities in the suppression of small-pox."

"On the other hand, among the masses, there is a feeling of grievance against objections and obstacles which render co-operation with the authorities difficult or impossible."

These remarks are made by Dr. S. N. Chau in the introduction to a question which will be one of a series to be put to the Chairman of the Urban Council at its next meeting on Tuesday.

SEAFORTH'S SAIL FOR SHANGHAI

629 Men Embark On Troopship

With over 600 soldiers, comprising mainly the 1st Battalion, The Seaforth Highlanders, the troopship Somersetshire left Hongkong at noon to-day for Shanghai.

The Seaforth Highlanders, who have been stationed in Hongkong since they came East from Palestine last year, will complete the balance of their Far Eastern service in Shanghai, where they are relieving the Loyal Regiment.

Battalion strength aboard the Somersetshire totalled 629 officers and men.

Passengers for Shanghai aboard the troopship also included Major J. M. Smith, of the Royal Artillery. Proceeding to Colombo is Sgt. A. Howell and Mrs. Howell of the 8th Heavy Brigade, and to the United Kingdom, the following:—

Shanghai Area: W/O Lance Corporal de Lacey (R.W.F.), three details of the R.A.S.C., and one detail each of the Royal Signals, Loyal Regiment.

Tientsin Area: Capt. Lyne of the 1st Battalion, The Lancashire Fusiliers.

notice setting out the ipsissima verba of the resolution of the Standing Committee, and that the only notice seen by any one of them was one posted at the door of their mess which contained no more than a bare statement of the scale of cuts.

BELIEVES PLAINTIFF

I accept the evidence for the plaintiff on this point. I believe that both he and his witnesses were present at the meeting of August 15 and were given to understand that the Company undertook, consideration of their submitting without fuss to the cut, to refund the amounts cut so soon as the Company made a profit. It is quite clear that Mr. Chan Harr was anxious about the possible reactions of the Company's staff to the cut—he "anticipated opposition"—and I am satisfied that he wittingly softened the blow by liberal promises of which he may possibly not have realised the full implications.

This view is to some extent supported by the form in which the resolution of the Board of Directors is recorded: "Should in the future the Company make any profit whether much or little the amounts so cut shall be restored after due consideration."

It follows that the Company, having given to its employees through its General Manager an unqualified undertaking to repay as soon as it made a profit and having thereby induced its employees to remain in its service at reduced salaries, cannot now be heard to say that the word "profit" was used and intended to be understood in the particular and limited sense of "profit in excess of a sum sufficient to pay 8 per cent. to the Company's shareholders as required by No. 43 (a) of the Company's Articles of Association."

I hold that the Company is estopped from raising any such point. Nor is there to my mind any merit in the argument that the plaintiff, by leaving the Company's service in 1935, deprived himself of all right to a refund in accordance with the final provision of the "cut" scheme.

DEPENDS ON PROFIT

As already indicated, I am satisfied that the whole scheme was not communicated to the plaintiff at any time and that he had no notice of any restriction of his right to a refund other than the ability of the Company to make a profit.

It is admitted that the Company did make a profit in each of the years 1935-6 and 1936-7 as shown in its balance sheets for those two years, and even though that profit may have been more apparent than real it was such a profit as to give the plaintiff the right to the refund which was promised him in August, 1934.

Even if he was bound by the provision that no employee who resigned or was dismissed should be entitled to claim any refund, I am of opinion that his right of action accrued as soon as the Company's balance sheet for the year 1935-6, showing a profit of over \$50,000 on the year's working, was published, and could not be defeated by his subsequent resignation.

For these reasons, I give judgment for the plaintiff, with costs.

Some of the objections which are stated to render co-operation difficult or impossible are:

The methods of fumigation of houses—whereby coolies, indiscriminately and without regard to the feelings of the owners, carry out their work carelessly and willfully destroy property.

The denial of permission for relatives to visit smallpox patients, once these patients are in hospital.

The absence of facilities for enquiries by anxious relatives regarding the condition of patients admitted into the Isolation Hospital; it is alleged that, in some cases, relatives only are permitted to see the patients again at the Mortuary.

Dr. Chau will ask, as one of his questions, what measures are being taken to remedy the foregoing situation.

"If steps or arrangements have been or are intended to be made, will the Government give full publicity to such arrangements for the information of the public?"

Seven questions by Dr. Chau, relating to the smallpox epidemic which has claimed over 1,000 lives since January 1, form part of the agenda.

SEEKING EPIDEMIC'S SOURCE

In addition to the question outlined above, Dr. Chau will ask for information on the possible source of the epidemic; what steps are being taken or what steps are proposed to prevent a recurrence; information on the existing arrangements for the accommodation and treatment of smallpox cases, and whether the practice is still prevalent of permitting smallpox patients to choose Chinese herbal methods of treatment if they so desire.

"In view of the conception among the masses that Chinese herbal methods of treatment are superior to Western methods, will the Chairman, from the information available, inform the Council, statistically over a number of years, the results by comparison of the two methods of treatment?"

SUPPLIES OF LYMPH

The recent story, exclusively published in the Telegraph, that friction recently existed between the Medical Department and St. John Ambulance Brigade regarding supplies of lymph will form the basis of the following question.

In view of recent complaints in some quarters (reported in the papers) that the supply of lymph to various vaccination centres is insufficient, and in other quarters that there has been gross wastage of lymph, will the Chairman state:

(a) Whether public organisations seeking to co-operate with the Government in the Vaccination Campaign have been fully supplied with their requirements?

(b) Whether, in view of the counter charge of wastage, it is possible to state what should be the amount of lymph given to each individual?

BRITISH POLICY PLEASES ITALIANS

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secret that the United States Government regards a clear enunciation of British policy one of the prerequisites for winning European tension.—*Reuter Special*

FRENCH REACTION FAVOURABLE

London, Mar. 25. It is generally felt in Paris that Mr. Neville Chamberlain's statement is a distinct step forward, a severe warning to would-be aggressors, that he intends to do nothing contrary to French interests and that he is also safeguarding the interests of France.

It is felt that Britain will be on France's side in the hour of need, and special stress is laid on the passage in which the Premier, after mentioning national interest, said there were other causes for which Britain might fight.

The speech has caused profound satisfaction and much relief in Rome, while Geneva regards the declaration regarding Czechoslovakia as categorical as had been feared. It is pointed out that Mr. Chamberlain did not rule out British fulfilment of League obligations. While disappointed at the renewed insistence of non-intervention and the rejection of Russia's initiative, League supporters realise that Britain's increasing strength may prove to be the most tranquillising factor in Europe.

Reports from Germany and Czechoslovakia encourage the belief that Germany will not precipitate a crisis, but will allow agitation to develop on political lines.—*Reuter*.

MIGHTIER BRITISH WARSHIPS PROBABLE

Escalator Clause Likely To Be Invoked

London, Mar. 24.

There is reason to believe that Britain, like the United States, has decided to invoke the escalator clause of the London Naval Treaty in the face of Japan's refusal to furnish details of her naval building programme.

The treaty requires that a period of three months shall elapse after the escalator clause has been invoked before the new tonnage is laid down, and the actual size of the new British and American battleships probably will not be settled until this period for consultation opens.

France at present is not anxious to embark on heavier battleships, but her final attitude is likely to depend on Germany and Russia.

The Soviet attitude is most important, writes *Reuter's* diplomatic correspondent, because should Moscow decide to increase the size of battleships for use in Far Eastern waters, Germany might feel bound to build up to them, thereby involving an increase in French tonnage.—*Reuter*.

U.S. SOON TO INVOKE ESCALATOR CLAUSE

Washington, Mar. 24.

Mr. Cordell Hull said to-day that he expected recommendations soon regarding the escalator clause as a result of the Anglo-Franco-American conference, thus indicating that America would soon invoke the escalator clause.—*United Press*.

BRITAIN LOYAL TO TREATY PLEDGES

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relations between Czechoslovakia and the German minority there. A solution of the question will probably go far to re-establish essential stability over an area much wider than that immediately concerned, and accordingly the Government has given special attention to the matter, and has fully considered whether the United Kingdom, in addition to the existing obligations, should, as a further contribution towards peace, undertake new specific commitments in Europe, particularly relating to Czechoslovakia.

"Should that in the event of her being called upon by German aggression in Czechoslovakia to implement her obligations to Czechoslovakia we would employ full military force on her behalf? Or, should we declare our readiness to take military action to resist any forcible interference with the independence and integrity of Czechoslovakia, and invite any other of the nations who desire to associate themselves with us in such a declaration?"

"Under either alternative, the decision whether Britain would find itself involved in war would automatically be removed from the discretion of the British Government, and this is a position which the Government cannot see its way to accept. (Loud Ministerial Cheers.)

"This position is not one which the Government could see its way to accept in relation to an area where its vital interests are not concerned in the same degree as in the case of France and Belgium. Such a position does not result from the Covenant. Hence the Government is unable to give the prior guarantee suggested."

"Where peace and war are concerned, loyal obligations are not alone involved. It is probable that other countries beside the parties to the dispute, would almost immediately be involved, especially in the case of two countries like Britain and France."

Believes German Assurances

Dealing with the Soviet invitation to a conference of the major democratic powers in Europe, Mr. Chamberlain said that while the Government warmly welcomed any conference representing all the European nations, it was obliged to recognise that no such expectation could be entertained. The conference suggested would aggravate a tendency towards the establishment of exclusive groups, which must be inimical to European peace.

Regarding Czechoslovakia, now was the time when all the resources of diplomacy should be enlisted in the cause of peace. The British Government does not under-rate the assurances given by Germany. The Government observed with satisfaction that the Government of Czechoslovakia was addressing itself to practical steps to meet reasonable wishes of the German minority. Britain was ready to render any help toward the solution of questions likely to cause difficulty between the German and Czechoslovakian governments. In the meantime, there was no need to assume the use of force, or, indeed, to talk about it. That would only do harm and would interfere with the progress of diplomacy and increase the feeling of insecurity.

Re-Armament Needs

Mr. Chamberlain then turned to Spain, and said he was fully alive to

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7.0 Chinese Programme.
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Swing Master Charlie—Fox-Trot (Robinson-Taylor-Brooks); Breakin' In A Pair Of Shoes—Fox-Trot (Washington-Franklin-Step); The Krakjox from the San Marco and Florida Club, London with vocal trio; It's Easy To Remember—Fox-Trot (From 'Mississippi'); Soon—Fox-Trot (From 'Mississippi'); Guy Lombardo And His Royal Canadians with vocal chorus.

7.12 Variety Numbers.
Humorous—John Henry's Ghost... John Henry assisted by Gladys Horridge; Vocal—A Song Selection... Lys Gaulty (In French with Orchestra Accompany); Harmonica Duet—Kronjox Successen (Arr. Hodlars); Italian Favourites (Arr. Hodlars); ...The Hodlars; Orchestra—The Eyes Of The World Are On You (From London May Day); Louis Levy and His Guildford British Symphony with vocal chorus.

7.35 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.40 Studio—George Y. Lee (Vocal) and Doreen Ma (Piano).

1. Roses In December...Doreen Ma; 2. I Still Love to Kiss you Good Night...George Y. Lee; 3. Yours & Mine...George Y. Lee; 4. I Want The World To Know...Doreen Ma; 5. Stardust...George Y. Lee; 6. Afloat To Dream...George Y. Lee.

8.0 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 Fritz Kreisler (Viola).

Tambourin Chinois (Kreisler); Caprice Viennois (Kreisler)...accompanied by Franz Rupp (Piano).

8.10 London Relay—Food For Thought.

Three short talks on matters of topical interest.

8.30 Studio—Piano Recital by Liya Gurevitch.

1. Prelude and Fuga in C Minor (Bach); 2. Prelude in B Minor (Bach); 3. Orgel Phantasie in G Minor (Liszt-Bach); 4. Sonata Op. 31. Allegro vivace (Beethoven).

8.50 Studio—Song Recital by Anna Lyttov (Soprano) accompanied by Nora Kania.

1. Aria Kumi—(From the opera 'Charoddelka'—Tchakovsky); 2. Kollebelanya—(From the opera 'Sadko'—Rimsky-Korsakov); 3. Tzvelki—(Orlova); 4. Travoushka—(Fomin).

9.0 Organ and Choral Music.

Fantasia in F Minor (Mozart)...Organ Solo by G. D. Cunningham; The Magic Flute (Act 2, 'Bald Prangt, Den Morgen Zu Verkunden'—Mozart).

...Ave Verum Corpus (Mozart)...Berlin Children's Mozart Choir conductor: Erich Steffen with String Quartet accompaniment; Organ Sonata No. 3 in A Major (Mendelssohn)....Dr. E. Buller playing on the Organ of Westminster Abbey, London.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Elgar—Concerto in B Minor, Op. 61.

Played by Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and the London Symphony Orchestra—conducted by Sir Edward Elgar, Bart., O.M., K.O.B.

42 Chopin Piano Compositions.

Mazurka—Op. 41 No. 1; Mazurka—Op. 60 No. 2...Ignaz Friedman;

Nocturne in F Major, Op. 15, No. 1; Nocturne in B Major, Op. 9, No. 3...Arthur Rubinstein.

11.0 London Relay—The Grand National.

A commentary on the race from Aintree.

11.30 Close Down.

WEEDING ANNOUNCED

The forthcoming wedding is announced by Mr. Patrick Ho, teacher, St. Joseph's College, and Miss Agnes Lee, of 27 Connaught Road Central, top floor.

the repeated serious infringements of non-intervention, but they still considered that non-intervention afforded the best means of avoiding a major conflagration. The Italian conversations had been carried a considerable distance, and their results were full of encouragement.

Dealing with the British position, Mr. Chamberlain emphasised the need for the acceleration of re-armament, especially in the Air Force and anti-aircraft defences. Re-armament, he said, must have priority in the nation's effort. Nevertheless, armaments alone were not a sure guarantee of peace, and he earnestly hoped it was yet possible to arrive at a reasonable balance of armaments by agreement, instead of free and unlimited competition.

There was no division at the end of the debate on Mr. Chamberlain's speech, and the Bill on which the discussion had taken place, passed unchallenged, amid loud ministerial cheers.

Sir John Simon's Appeal

Sir John Simon, in winding up the debate for the Government, said that its policy was that, at whatever cost, it must make the country safe by making it strong. They believed this was the best guarantee of peace. They are making no threats, but we show and invite the country to show, determination, which is all the more impressive because it is the determination of a free people.

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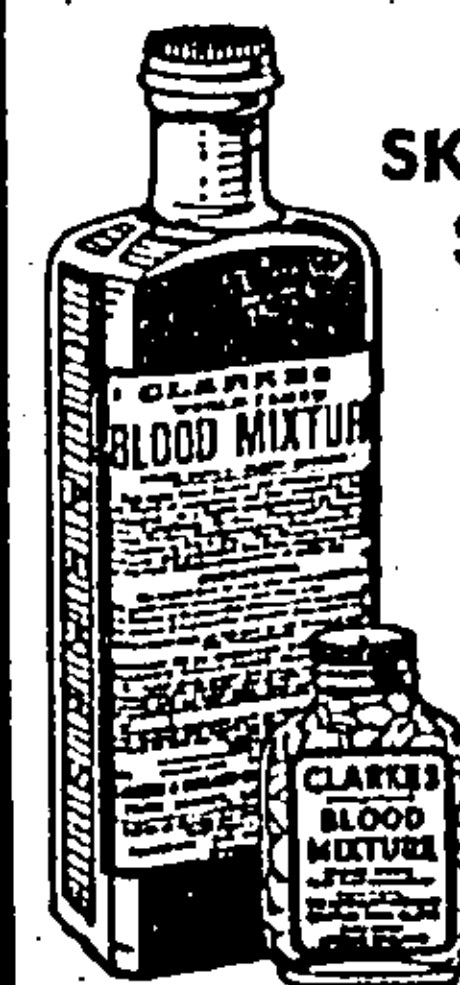
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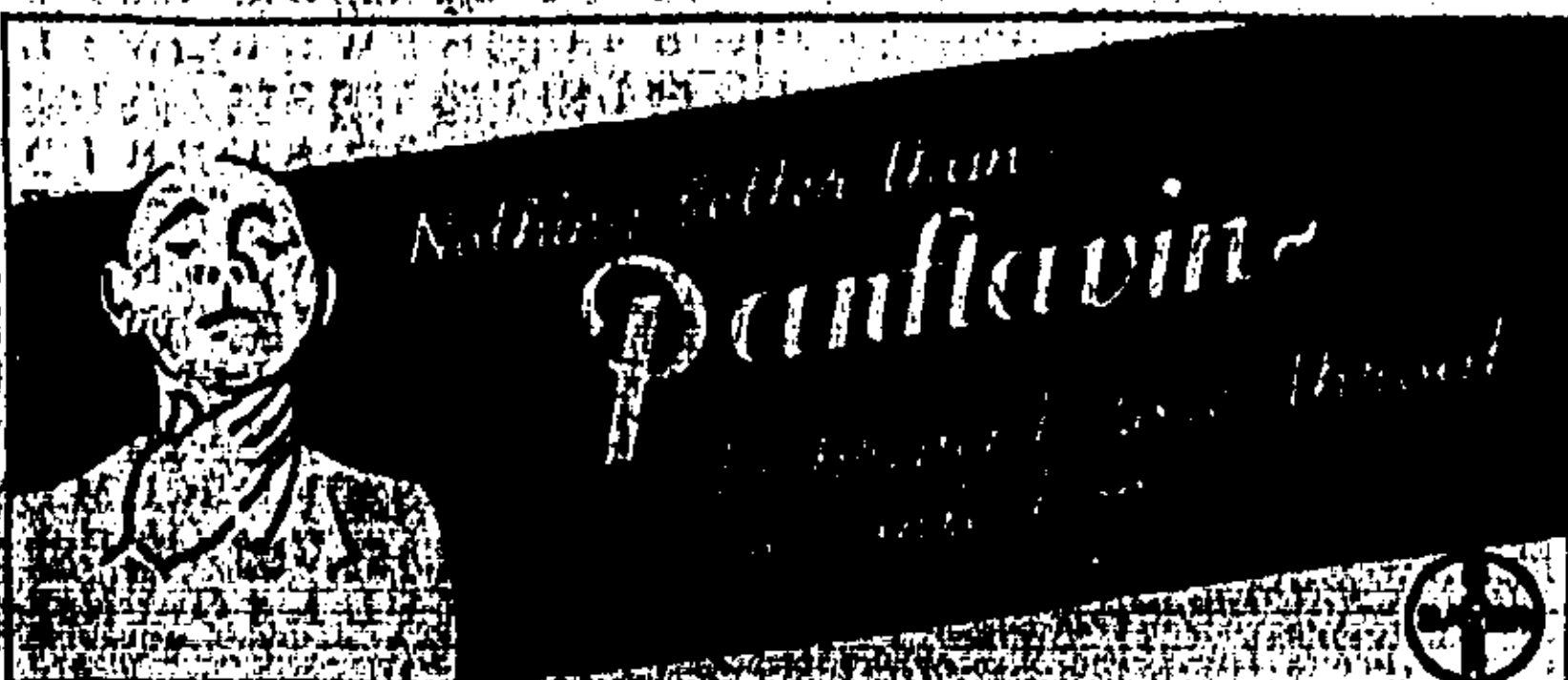
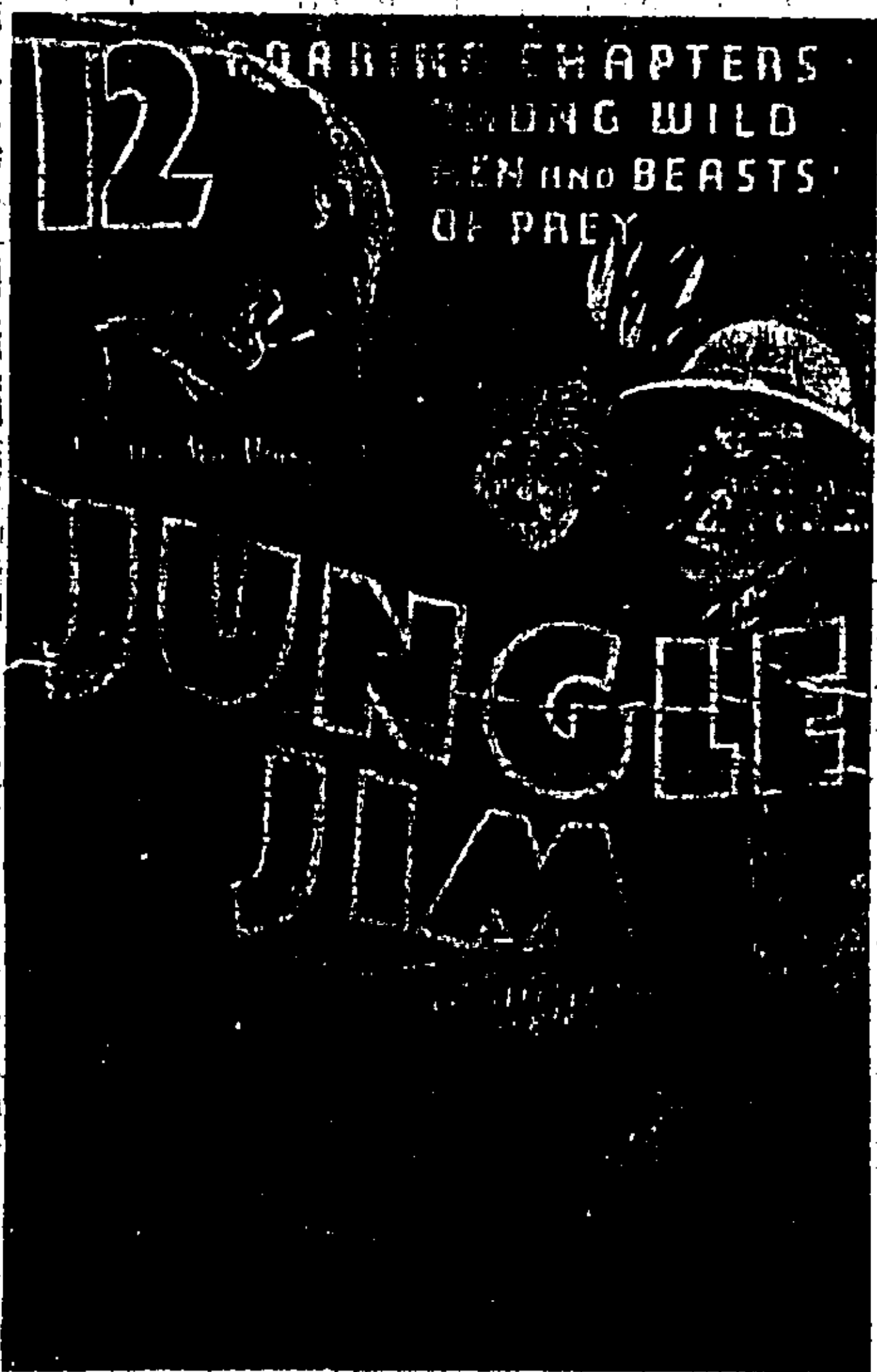
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C. C. C. PLAYERS FOR IMPORTANT CRICKET TIE

The Craggengower Cricket Club will be meeting the Indian R. C. in their play-off for the Cricket Championship to-morrow at the Hongkong Cricket Club and will be represented by the following:
 E. Zimmer (Capt.), F. R. Zimmer, G. Souza, F. J. Billimoria, W. Hong Sling, F. K. Lee, A. T. Lee, A. R. H. Esmail, A. K. Ismail, A. B. Humson and W. Rapley. Scorer: T. Lock.

KONGMUN HANDICAP

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entered for this event, but I much regret that I had to give up the search as a hopeless job and I therefore strongly recommend punters to follow the ranking list of the official handicapper's allotment of the lead. Incidentally the second leg of the daily double is on this race and it will not be a matter of surprise to see the carrying over of the pool to next meeting. The book of form shows that Golden Cow and Lucky Eleven have each earned some good stake-money and rightly or wrongly, the weight adjuster has bracketed these two steeds with 168 lbs. In looking over the handicap, I found that there are quite a few racers under the 150 lbs. and it has been whispered to me that All Babes is good to follow. I am sure Cape Comorin and Charybdis will carry all the big money; the latter has been knocking the door since February. It will be one of the best events.

LAST EVENT

The meeting will terminate with a good "C" class event among the China ponies over a mile. King's Lead, who was disqualified for not drawing the proper weight after running to a second place in the Hongkong Handicap "B" division, has the same amount of lead to carry, but the winner, Commencement Bay, has been penalised 13 lbs. and he has something to think about. However, I fancy King's Bounty on a firm going and Bright View is my choice on a heavy course.

POPULAR CHAIRMAN

Mr. Cheung Man-kuen
 Elected By C.A.A.F.

Mr. Cheung Man-kuen, of the Eastern Athletic Association, was elected chairman of the Hongkong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation at the annual meeting on Tuesday.



Mr. Cheung Man-kuen

Mr. Cheung has been a member of the South China Athletic Association committee for several years and has served as secretary since July, 1936. He is also a member of the committee of the Chung Shing Benevolent Society, and has been chairman of the Hongkong Chinese Civil Servants' Club for the past three years.

SAINTS' TEAM

The following will represent St. Andrew's in the hockey re-play against the Hongkong Ladies to-morrow at 3 p.m. on the "Y" ground: J. Hall; G. White, J. Broadbridge; P. Lawson, J. Wong, H. Reid; F. Wong, E. Churn, P. Gittins, S. Roberts and M. Churn.

K.C.C. TEAM

The following have been chosen to represent the Kowloon Cricket Club seniors against the Middlesex to-morrow at home at 2 p.m.—F. Goodwin (Capt.), D. J. N. Anderson, K. M. Baxter, R. T. Broadbridge, S. Jex, R. E. Lee, B. D. Lay, T. A. Madar, W. Mulcahy, A. E. Perry, C. B. R. Sargent, Umpire, J. P. Robinson.



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9.20	A. Sommerfeld, R. K. Valentine.
9.40	W. M. Barton, A. V. Graves.
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9.40	A. E. Lisaman, I. H. Geare.
9.32	G. C. Worral, E. T. McMullen.
9.26	G. Golding, J. H. M. Andrew.
10.00	H. E. the Governor.
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10.12	H. S. Jones, E. L. Groome.
10.16	R. Nelson, D. Humphreys.
10.20	H. R. Price.
10.24	K. R. Quick, D. L. Prophet.
10.26	Delaney, C. A. King.
10.32	H. F. Sommers, L. W. Mayhew.
10.30	A. Murdoch, H. S. Hills.
10.40	R. G. Parker, L. E. Tamworth.
10.44	Capt. Holms, W. R. Smalley.
NEW COURSE	
10.10	M. H. Turner, A. W. Hughes.
10.44	Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Smalley.

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SPORT ADVTS.

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THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 26th March, 1938, commencing at 2.00 p.m.
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The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27704) will close at 12.15 p.m.

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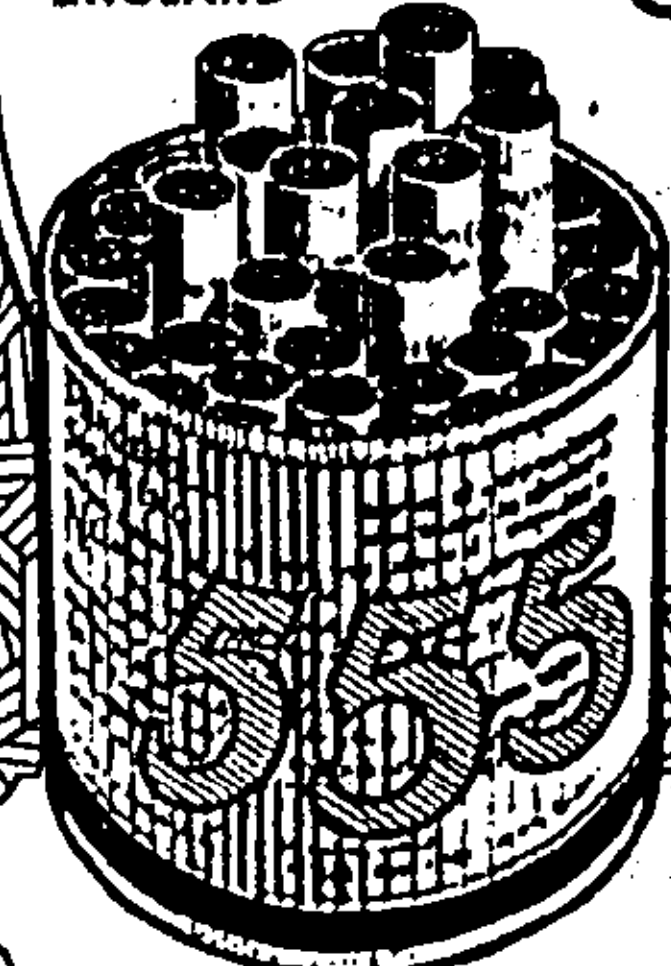
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